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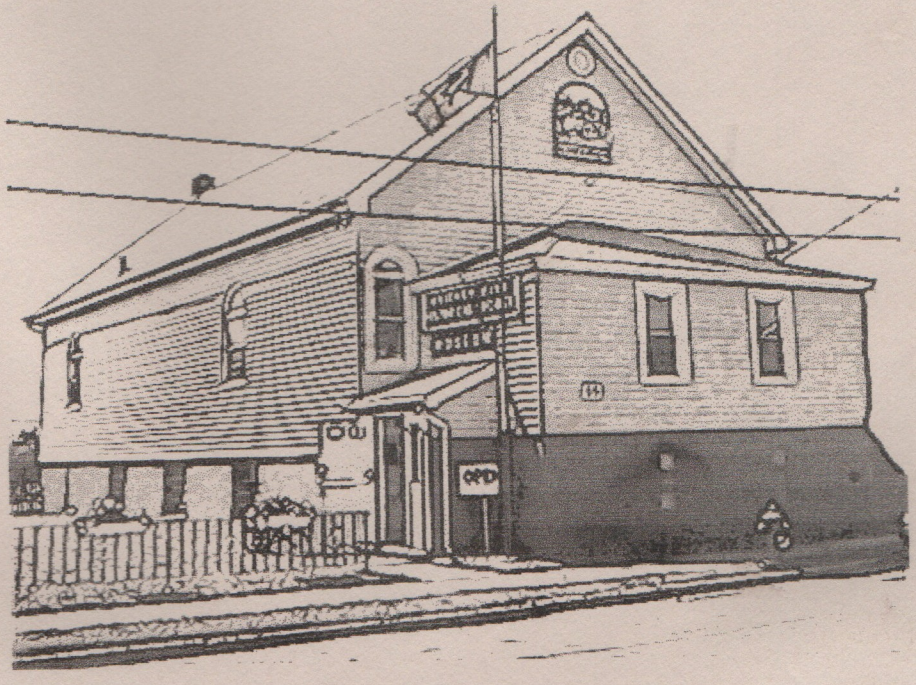

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Dear Reader,

Twenty years ago a group of Whitney Pier residents decided it would be interesting to share their memories of growing up in the early 1900s by printing a small newsletter. The result was the *Pier Times*, later the *Pier Ties*, a free newsletter published by the Beaton Institute that was available to Pier residents. Local businesses offered their financial support, and soon readers began to submit their own stories for publication.

Residents of Whitney Pier ran the newsletters. Local artist Johnny Tynski sketched the logo, Bob Wall edited *Pier Times* and Thelma Nobrega collected advertising support from local merchants. In 1987 the name was changed to *Pier Ties* and Leo Evans became the new editor. From the beginning, Elizabeth Beaton, then Senior Researcher with the Beaton Institute, acted as the general editor. Professor Beaton was also responsible for recruiting external funding for the project.

The Whitney Pier Historical Society gratefully acknowledges Wayne Cole, Director of the Beaton Institute and Library Services of Cape Breton University for granting us permission to release this compilation.

Also available from the Whitney Pier Historical Society is the popular book, From the Pier, Dear! Images of a Multicultural Community, "beautifully illustrated with artwork and nearly 150 photographs...it is a series of well-researched essays about Whitney Pier enjoyable to students and arm-chair historians..."

Donelda Mac Donald, Archivist and Project Coordinator
Tammy MacNeil, Archivist and Researcher

The Whitney Pier Community Heritage Trail

With the 2000 closure and subsequent dismantling of the Steel Plant, the Whitney Pier Historical Society in partnership with the community has embarked on creating a commemorative and interactive trail spanning 1.5 kilometres. This trail will be developed between the former lands of the International Pier and Sydney Steel Plant and the Whitney Pier neighbourhood. By restoring the natural beauty of our environment this new "Whitney Pier Community Heritage Trail" will forever memorialize the multicultural experiences of our working-class past and foster pride for our future.

Heritage Trail Researcher and Community Liaison,
Mary Mombourquette

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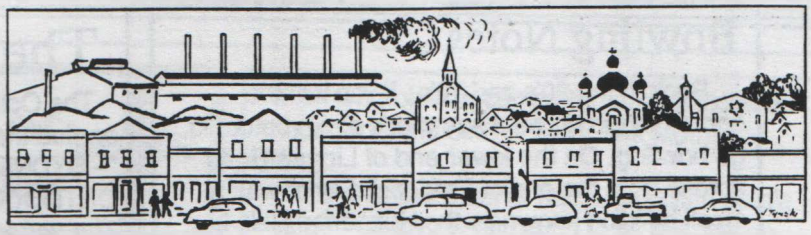
PIER Times



Pier Times Begins Publication

PIER TIMES is a project of the Beaton Institute of the University College of Cape Breton in cooperation with the many people who call Whitney Pier their home.

PIER TIMES is dedicated to the history , heritage and culture of the "Pier" and its people. Each issue will recall bits and pieces of that history. The content will be drawn from the huge collection of materials in the archives of the Beaton Institute.

Readers Urged to Contribute

Archives collect and preserve information for future use. But even a collection as large as that of the Beaton Institute does not have all the facts. It has only a small portion of available information. The people of the community have the rest in their collective memory or stored somewhere for safekeeping in the form of official records, documents, letters, photographs and artifacts.

If you, the reader, have information which may be of interest to other readers of PIER TIMES or if you have ideas, criticism, corrections or additional facts to add to an item, you are urged to contact the Editor. The name, address and phone number of trhe editor is in the box at the bottom of the right-hand column of this page.

Free Every Two Weeks

At this time ten issues of PIER TIMES are planned. It will come to you free every other week. It will be available in most local businesses. Take it home, read it, pass it on or save it for the grandchilren. It's yours.

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PIER TIMES ...WHY?

WHITNEY PIER has played an important role in the development of Sydney as a city. But the part played by the "Pier" and its residents is not well-known.

The Beaton Institute has been involved in historical research in Whitney Pier for the past number of years. Much material has been compiled and is now available to the public through the Beaton Institute Archives. It is intended that this work will be published and, indeed, this has already happened in both popular and scholarly forms.

The Beaton Institute has a mandate to respond to the community and would like to work with residents of the "Pier" to promote the results of its research.

Pier Times- Historical Focus Newsletter

PIER TIMES is a way to present the results of historical research in a popular format. It will deal with different aspects of the history of Whitney Pier such as immigration patterns, settlement, businesses, religious organizations and benefit societies.

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Bowling Notes

Back in the 20's and 30's , if you wanted something to do on a summer's eve, you could go bowling. On the lower end of Lingan Road across from the end of Frederick Street was a small building known as the Hungarian Hall. It was used for dances and meetings. Behind the Hall was a single bowling alley made of concrete. It was covered at each end to protect the bowlers and the pins from rain. It even had outdoor lights for night bowling.

There were two other bowling alleys in the same area. A man named Kormos built one in the 1930's behind his house on South Tupper Street. It was enclosed and had a pot belly stove for winter use. Another was on North Frederick Street, east of Lingan Road. The going rate for a string was a mere two cents.

Did you bowl at one of these early alleys in the Pier? Do you know somone who did? What type of pins were used? Were the bowling balls like those we use today? If you can provide some detail, let us know.

UKRAINIAN HISTORY

A new book, STRANGERS IN THE LAND;THE UKRAINIAN PRESENCE IN CAPE BRETON, compiled by John Huk was formally released in a ceremony at the Ukrainian Hall recently. Much has been written about Ukrainian immigration to Canada, but little about those Ukrainians who came to Cape Breton. John Huk helps to fill that gap in this concise, readable and entertaining account. It is available in local bookstores.

Steel Plant Facts

• September 1899, construction of the steel plant began. Fifteen hundred men were employed in the construction. Twenty miles of railroad track and eight miles of water mains were laid. The water mains supplied the works with three million gallons of water daily.

The Gleaner

The October 5, 1929 issue of "The Gleaner carried the following article:

" - SYDNEY NOTES- ST. PHILLIP'S AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The young People's Society rendered a musical program at the African Orthodox Church on Sunday September 15. In spite of inclement weather there was a good attendance. Lionel Jones read scripture. Wakefield Harris and Stanley Bond gave saxophone selections. Mr. Hunt favoured us with two selections on trombone. Mr. Harrisor gave an organ solo. Edward Scantleburg contributed a reading. Westley Preutt did well playing on the coronet and also Dowling Street on his coronet. Mrs. L. Braithwaite rendered a song. An interesting feature was the selection contributed by Jobee Armstrong, recently from Barbadoes. The Society deserves congratulations."

The Nova Scotia Gleaner was published monthly in Sydney. F.Allan Hamilton, a lawyer with offices at 205 Charlotte Street was editor and publisher. It was produced "for the purposes of unifying the Colored People of Nova Scotia."

The Beaton Institute has only one issue of the Gleaner. Do you have a copy tucked away in a bookcase or trunk? If so, we would like to hear from you.

Future issues of PIER TIMES will carry historical information on the following groups who live or have lived in Whitney Pier:

Acadian, Black, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English,German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Lebanese, Newfoundlanders, Polish, Scottish, Spanish,Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Welsh, West Indian

Have we missed any? Call and let us know!!! 564-8012

Churches of Whitney Pier

St. Mary's Polish Church

The first Poles came to Sydney in 1901, shortly after production began at the steel plant. Four families came at that time, but many others followed in later years. The number of Poles in Sydney rose and fell depending on the availability of jobs at the plant, the highest being about 500 in 1914.

The present St. Mary's Polish parish has about 100 families, most of whom are from the Galician region of Poland.

FORMATION

The formation of an ethnic benefit society was the first step for the Polish immigrants to organize their own parish. In 1909, they formed the St. Michael's Benefit Society. This gave the Polish community a social and religious base from which to strive toward the establishment of a Polish church.

On the last Sunday of May in 1913, seven members of the benefit society met to make plans to acquire land and build a Polish church. The men were Michael Kiec, Michael Paruch, Stanley Kowalczyk, Stanley Grvodz, Adam Troyan, Valenty Wojick and John Stryczyk. Each gave a dollar toward a fund for building the church.

EXTERIOR

With the help of the Polish people they dug out the earth with pick and shovel and mixed the cement and sand by hand and poured the foundation for their church. They covered the basement because they did not have money to build any further. In September 1913, the cornerstone of the completed basement was blessed and the basement served as their church for five years. In 1918, St. Mary's Polish Church was completed and dedicated in honour of the birth of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The church's exterior has a simplified gothic design that gives distinction to its decoration. Each corner has a simulated turret topped by a four sided roof and a cross. A single inset steeple rises to a height of sixty- five feet and dominates the south end. The bottom portion of the steeple serves as the main entrance.

INTERIOR

The interior repeats the gothic influence of the exterior. The arched thirty-two foot ceiling of the nave and the absence of pillars gives an impression of openness and light.

The sanctuary is dominated by the large, ornate main atar of simulated marble which stands against the north wall.A smaller wooden altar, used for Mass, is in the center of the sanctuary.. Within the sanctuary but extending over the communion rail on the west side of the church is a full pulpit decorated with an eagle, the national symbol of Poland.

The paintings and statues represent traditional tastes in church furnishings with occasional leaning to modern trends. The side altar, dedicated to Mary is decorated with flowers and a painting of the Black Madonna, by local artist John Tynski, Sr. It also displays the traditional bread and salt, presented to Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his visit to Canada. A painting of the Pope by Jan Gyorfi West hangs from the side of the pulpit. Both paintings were commissioned by parish families as gifts to the church.

St. Mary's has served as both the religious and cultural center for Poles in Sydney since it was built. This role was enhanced recently by the media attention given to the Solidarity movement and the Canadian visit of Pope John Paul II because St. Mary's is the only Polish church east of Montreal.

Friends Of Whitney Pier

The friends of Whitney Pier is an organization of people dedicated to preserving and recording the history of the "Pier" They meet each month at different locations. The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on 17 June, at the Holy Redeemer Parish Centre. The meeting is open to the public and anyone with an interest in the history of the Pier is urged to attend.

Announcements

Any organization concerned with the history or culture of Whitney Pier is welcome to use PIER TIMES to announce its meeting. Call the editor at 564-8012

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Did You Know? The late, great comedian Godfrey Cambridge was once a resident of Whitney Pier. He attended Whitney School in the 1950's.

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New Industry Brings Thousands to Whitney Pier Area of Cape Breton

At the turn of the century, the new steel plant in Sydney drew immigrants by the thousands. They came from around the world; Europe, the Mediterranean, the West Indies , Asia and from rural Cape Breton and Newfoundland. They came as labourers and businessmen to take advantage of the opportunities promised by the new industry. They brought their skills and the determination to make a better place for themselves.

Most of the immigrants settled in the "Pier", separated from the rest of the City of Sydney by the mills of the steel plant and Muggah's creek.

Soon, families followed, bringing with them the diverse heritage and culture of their native lands. Their dress, food, customs, social patterns and religious practices became part of the fabric of the "Pier".

Watch for more in future issues of PIER TIMES, every two weeks at a location near you

Next Issue:
Trinity United Church, the game of cricket, more steel plant facts, your comments, and much, much more.

Remember the fun of scrubbing the outhouses on Saturday morning?!? Public sanitation could not keep pace with the rapid immigration of the early 1900's. The outhouse was essential . Equally essential was the regular cleaning topped off with the Saturday ritual of scrubbing, disinfecting and frequently whitewashing. Ah, the good old days!

Sponsors

Business people in Whitney Pier will soon receive a letter and a visit requesting that they assist in sponsoring the Pier Times. We need your help in our project to preserve and publis the history of Whitney Pier.

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PIER Times

Whitney Pier 1913

In July and August, 1913, Mr. Bryce M. Stewart spent four weeks in the City of Sydney studying "the social significance of the rapid growth of industrialism, the vast influx of immigrants, rural depopulation and the new mobility of labor and of industry that has come upon us." The following information about Whitney Pier is taken from his report.

Purpose Of The Study

"The city, like the individual, may be the builder of her own destiny. This social survey is not a muck-raking project. It is rather the method by which the community seeks to learn the social facts of its life so that it may intelligently plan the next step in social advance. Our cities are young, and if they set about to know themselves in their youth, even if that does involve facing some unpleasant facts, they will be able to build a future far more grand than anything that will come if they remain in complacency."

Population

"According to the police census taken in July 1913, the population (of Sydney) is now 20,892. Ward Five (there was no Ward six at the time) had 8,065 residents, or about thirty -nine percent of the population. But after all, the most important asset (of the city) is the people. The Russians, the Hungarians, the Italians, will contribute much to any city that seeks to give them the best it has."

Water Supply

" The water works system is owned by the city. The mode of supply is by gravity from reservoirs. In 1912 the city experienced a great scarcity in the supply of water. The large reservoir had to be shut off for awhile and the small one did not have sufficient elevation to supply parts of Ward Five. Residents were supplied by watering carts. Since then the supply has been increased. Unfortunately, some houses are being erected in Ward Five without water connections."

Sewage And Refuse Disposal

"The health of the city is menaced because so many of the houses are without sewer connections, and dwellings are still being built without this precaution. In his report for the year 1912, the Sanitary Inspector regrets that ' a large number of buildings erected in Ward Five during the past year are not connected with the sewerage system.' The complaints of some of the residents of Ward Five concerning the location of privies near their houses and lack of care for them were pitiful in the extreme and some of the conditions observed were beyond description."

"The condition of some yards in Ward Five is sufficient to show that the garbage removal system is most inadequate. There is an urgent need for a system by which garbage will be removed from every part of the city at least once a week. The condition of many parts of Ward Five are partly explained by the following statement of the sanitary inspector: 'I beg again to say that the necessity of a dumping ground in Ward Five is absolutely urgent, as there is no place in that part of the city where garbage can be deposited or placed."

"Burning or burying is the most desirable method of disposing of ashes, rubbish, manure and garbage in cities."

In the next issue there will be more from this report on the subject of housing and health

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Churches of Whitney Pier

Trinity United Church

Trinity United Church stands on the Northwest corner of Victoria Road and Matilda Street. The name Trinity United Church dates back to 1937, but the church itself was organized as St. James Presbyterian in 1900.

St James Church

Many of the people who came to Sydney and settled in the Pier when the steel plant was being built were of the Presbyterian faith. At first they worshipped at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. But within a year, the rapid growth of the church and promising economicoutlook resulted in the formation of St. James Church.

Angus MacLeod, A.G. MacLeod, Alex MacKillop, D.H. MacQueen and Neil MacPherson comprised the first Board of Managers for the church. Allan MacLeod, William Fife and John MacKinnon were trustees at the time. Rev. A.J. MacDonald accepted the call and became the first pastor in July 1901. During his pastorate which lasted until 1909, the church building was completed, renovated, destroyed by fire and rebuilt. Rev. John MacIntosh became pastor when the new St. James was dedicated and he served for the next twenty-six years.

St. Mark's Presbyterian

At the same time that St. James began, a Mission Church was started at the corner of Fisher and Henry Streets by Falmouth Presbyterian Church.

Due to the many nationalities crowding into the community, the "Presbyterian Church here never became fully established even though much time, effort and money were expended on it . Finally the Presbytery abandoned the effort and put the few people connected with St. Mark's under the care of St. James in February 1919."

Victoria Methodist Church

In November 1901, Rev. C.H. Huestis of Jubilee Church conducted the dedication of Victoria Methodist Church. Rev. A.D. Richard became pastor of the church located on Victoria Road and Westley Streets. "The building also had, besides the auditorium, reading rooms, a shower and bath and other rooms for social service work. After a few years assistance from Jubilee Church it became independent. In January 1918, the formal burning of the mortgage of Victoria Church was carried out by Rev. A.W. Dycer assisted by Mr.H. LeDrew."

After church union in 1925, Victoria Methodist Church became Victoria United Church. Combined services with St. James began to be held each year in July and August and continued each summer until Victoria merged with St. James in June 1937.

Both congregations united to worship in St. James Church under the new name of Trinity United Church with Rev. D.M. Sinclair, pastor.

Italian Mission

In 1912, the Methodist Missionary Society established an Italian Mission at the corner of Lingan Rd. and Laurier St. Work was difficult as one historian reported because "the immediate neighborhood is strikingly cosmopolitan and more than fifteen different languages are spoken within a hundred yards of the mission entrance. The fluctuating and uncertain character of the population" resulted in a merger of the Italian Mission with the Presbyterian Mission. At church union in 1925 it became the United Mission. In 1937 the United Mission became the responsibility of Trinity United Church. This lasted until the late 50's when the Mission passed to the care of the Sydney Presbytery.

The Grand Old Game of Cricket

Cricket was a popular game in the early days of the century. Teams from Whitney Pier often played against crews from the British boats in the harbour.

The Sydney Daily Post, Saturday 5 June 1920, Price Three Cents, carried the following article:

"Cricket Will Be Revived In Cape Breton During The Summers"

"The revival of the' Grand Old Game' of cricket got away to a splendid start at a meeting held in the rooms of the Nova Scotia Mining Society last night.

Of the due consideration of the fact that cricket has not been indulged in since the opening of the great war in 1914, the decision was arrived at to organize a Cape Breton League.Three teams: Sydney, Whitney Pier and Sydney Mines-Florence will take part in the league."

Among those elected to guide the league was Dr. J.A. Calder of the West India Club, Whitney Pier who was named second vice-president.

Steel Plant Facts

* The first furnace was lit 19 December 1900, fifteen months after construction began at the plant. The fourth and last furnace was lit in May 1902.
* The cost of construction for the entire plant was twenty million dollars.
* There were eight coke batteries with five ovens each. They produced sixteen hundred tons of coke a day which required thirty -two hundred tons of coal daily.

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Readers' Response

More than a dozen people reached me with comments about Pier Times in the first week of its existence.

Much of the information at the Beaton Institute is in the form of "oral history". Oral history is a personal recollection. Personal recall may be very accurate or it may have omissions or confusions caused by the passage of time. One person may recall something that another has forgotten. This is why we encourage comment from our readers.

* Three people asked for additional copies to send to relatives and friends outside the area.
* One caller said I erred in the note about comedian Godfrey Cambridge. "He attended Whitney Pier School in the first part of the 1947-1948 school year and left the area around Christmas time."
* In Bowling Notes, I said there was a concrete bowling alley behind the Hungarian Hall on Lingan Road across from the end of Frederick Street. According to one reader, there never was a Hungarian Hall on Lingan Road and no bowling alley was there either.
* Two people offered to loan old photographs to the Beaton Institute and two agreed to be interviewed about their recollections of the early days in the Pier.

-The Editor

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Announcements

Mark 7 August on your calendar. That's when Friends of Whitney Pier plan to hold "Whitney Pier Day". Events include a picnic in Neville Park during the day and a dance in the evening. Watch for more details in future issues of Pier Times.

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The Subway

"Prior to 1963, persons travelling Victoria Road to South Bar found themselves funnelled through a railway underpass, which was descriptively dubbed "The Subway". This man made canyon guarded the gateway of the Pier in the same way that Cerebus guarded the door of Hades. It was both a geographical and psychological barrier which when transgressed, catagorized persons as either belonging or not belonging. Outsiders saw the area as a slum. They feared its streets and mistrusted its people. "

This is one man's description of "The Subway". But another man had a more personal experience and recollection of it. "I remember that the old tram car tracks ran through the 'Subway ' . Because one day I was riding my bicycle through and the front wheel got caught in the track and I flipped over the handlebars. I got cut and was bleeding and went to the horse trough on the pier end of the "Subway" to wash off."

Extra Copies:
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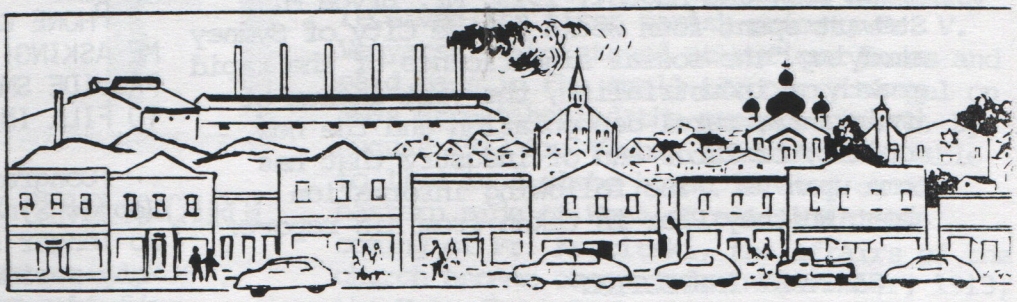

ITALIAN IMMIGRATION - 1900

Most of the Italians who came to work at the Steel Plant in 1900 did not come as immigrants. They were brought in large numbers by a contractor named Thomas Cozzolino to work on specific jobs, and left when the contract was completed.

THOMAS COZZOLINO left Italy for the United States at the age of thirteen. He began working as a railroad construction laborer, learned quickly, and soon became a foreman with his own crew. In his early twenties he became a contractor, bidding on sections of railway. When he was successful, he would hire a crew to do the job. The following is from Cozzolino's memoirs:

"I WENT TO SYDNEY, N.S. TO GET A CONTRACT ON THE STEEL PLANT THE FALL OF 1899 IN DECEMBER. THE CHIEF ENGINEER MR. WATERMAN SAID TO ME WE NEED LOTS OF MEN ON THE CONSTRUCTION, CAN YOU GET US A FEW HUNDRED. IT SOUND PRETTY GOOD TO ME SO AFTER XMAS I WENT TO NEW YORK AND GOT TWO HUNDRED MEN. THE COMPANY GIVE ME CHARGE OF SOME EXCAVATION AT THE COKE OVENS.

"ONE DAY A YOUNG MAN CAME ON MY WORK AND ASKED ME HOW I WAS GETTING ALONG. I SAID I WAS NOT GETTING ALONG AT ALL, THE WORK IS COSTING FOUR OR SIVE TIMES MORE THAN IT SHOULD. I WAS TALKING WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER SON WITHOUT KNOWING IT. SO HE WENT AND TOLD HIS FATHER. NEXT DAY THE GENERAL MANAGER SENT FOR ME. I SAID GIVE ME A TRIAL FOR A LITTLE WHILE TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

"I BLASTED WITH DYNAMITE AND IT BROUGHT THE COST DOWN OVER HALF. AFTER FINISHING AT THE COKE OVENS, SEEING THAT THE MANAGER WAS WELL PLEASED WITH THE WORK, I ASKED HIM TO GIVE ME A CONTRACT FOR THE EXCAVATION IN THE OPEN HEARTH AND THE BLOOMING MILLS.

"I TOOK CHARGE OF THE EXCAVATION FOR BOTH AND ALSO A SPUR OF RAILWAY FROM THE BLAST FURNACE TO CONNECT TO THE COKE OVEN PLANT.

"BEFORE I TOOK CHARGE, THE WORK WAS COSTING $1:00 PER CUBIC YARD AT THE OPEN HEARTH AND THE FIRST MONTH I WAS THERE IT COST 55 CENTS. THE SPUR LINE WAS COSTING THEM 80 CENTS AND I DID IT FOR ABOUT 40 CENTS

"IN THE SPRING OF 1902 I TOOK FIVE MILES OF GRADING ON THE BAY OF QUINTY RAILWAY THAT RUN FROM NAPANEE WEST. MY SECTION WAS NEAR TORONTO AT BONNOCKBURN, ONT."

THE ITALIANS ARE GONE
-Sydney Post, August 24, 1901

"Of the 500 or 600 Italians that swarmed Sydney for the last two years, only a handfull remain, and they will soon hie to warmer climes. The work which they were called here to do has been completed and they contractors have taken the men away to other places, mostly in the United States.

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SANITARY INSPECTION

"One sanitary inspector cannot perform all the sanitary inspection work where there are so many houses without sewer connection. Such a situation exists in the Steel Company's block on Roberts Street. Here we found about 330 Poles and Russians in 19 houses. One house sheltered 34 persons, another 29.The block is located on the side of a hill, and instead of inside toilets there are about forty outhouses. People in the houses at the bottom of the hill complained that when a rain came and the surface water ran down the block in their direction, their houses were untenable."

TUBERCULOSIS

"This disease thrives in the tenement where light and fresh air are at a premium. Not a few have diéd from tuberculosis in the tenement district on Ferry Street. The need is at once apparent for a tenement house law that will regulate the building of tenements so that there will be plenty of lightand air, good plumbing and no crowding of houses upon lots or of people into houses."

INFANT MORTALITY

"Taking an average for the three year period (1910, 11, 12)nearly 38 percent of all deaths occuring in the city are those of children who have not reached their second birthday. Approximately half these deaths occur in Ward Five. The principal causes are improper care, poor housing conditions and the lack of sanitary precautions."

There is encouragement in the knowledge that conditions are largely responsible for our infant mortality, for by improving these we can save many a little life."

READERS' RESPONSE

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+Congratulations to Pier Times..."The Hebrew Synagogue on Mount Pleasant Street will no longer serve the Community of Whitney Pier. Many residents feel that the City of Sydney should retain this fine old building to serve the people of the Pier."

+From Charlottetown - "As a poet and editor who grew up, first on Muggah, then on Wesley streets, and whose grandfather and father ran a grocery store on Victoria Road I have a genuine interest in the area. I would like very much to receive all copies."

+From Lower Sackville, N.S. - "There are many people living here from the Pier. Lower Sackville is called little Cape Breton now. I'll give you a little history...Who remembers standing on the Bay street hill in the evening and seeing the Virgin Mary over the steel plant. People were there by the hundreds every night for weeks until it disappeared."

+From Sydney..."I remember when I was very small, playing in the Hungarian Hall. It was where you said it was on Lingan Road across from the end of Frederick Street. It was attached to a house. But, I don't remember the bowling alley."

+From Sydney..."I remember playing tiddlely and cricket after school. And chasing the ice man... we would all have a stick with a nail sticking through and when the iceman went inside to deliver a block of ice, we would lift up the tarp at the back of the wagon and chip off a piece of ice. Usually it was melted before you found a place to hide and enjoy it."

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CHURCHES OF WHITNEY PIER

HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Ukrainians in Sydney are mainly of Galician origin although a few came from Bukovyna as well. They came in response to the call for cheap labour in the Sydney steel plant and in the coal mines of the Glace Bay area. After the initial immigration, the Ukrainians tended to arrive in groups, sometimes with Polish immigrants, also from Galicia. The Ukrainians in Sydney settled in the "coke ovens" area of Whitney Pier where there were also Hungarians, Italians and Blacks. Some of the Ukrainian families later moved to other parts of the Pier, especially to the area that became known as "Hunky Town". According to the 1921 census, there were 337 Ukrainians living in Sydney.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE HOLY GHOST

By 1912, the Ukrainians had consolidated enough to consider forming their own parish. The Brotherhood of the Holy Ghost was started, in part, to build a place for the practice of the Byzantine Rite of religious worship. In May of 1912, a meeting was called at the home of Michael Fedora for the purpose of building a church. Nicholas Fedora, an early immigrant was elected president of the society. Other officers were Stephen Pavluk, Vice-President; Michael Fedora, Treasurer;Michael Swistun, Secretary and John Nalepa, Auditor.

The Brotherhood purchased four lots of land on the corner of West and Swan streets at a cost of $197.00.

A Ukrainian priest, Fr. Cyril Yarme, came from Montreal to celebrate the first Mass in the Byzantine Rite at Holy Redeemer Church in November, 1912.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Work began on the foundation the very next day. Members of the Brotherhood came after work to excavate the foundation and basement by hand. An area 32' by 62' was dug out in one week.

FIRST PRIEST ARRIVES

In early 1913, the Ukrainian community received its first parish priest, Fr. V. Venyarski, who stayed at various homes and said Mass in the small temporary chapel on Swan street behind the present church. By August 1913 Fr. Yavhan Kracitski was able to live in a glebe house located on the eastern side of West street. With the coming of Fr. Kracitski, the affairs of the church became organized. In November, 1913, the Holy Ghost Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church was formally opened. The temporary chapel then became the parish hall.

FIRE STRIKES

The original church burned in 1933. The parish reacted immediately to the loss and was able to complete a new church by the following year. The new church is more ornate than the first, although it is the same basic shape and is on the same foundati Much of the labor involved in the building of the church was contributed voluntarily by the parishioners.

The church stands out because of the gold colored aluminum which covers the high onion shaped domes which tower above the roof line.

Holy Ghost Church is the only Ukrainian church in Canada east of Montreal. Its distinct architecture clearly shows the links between the larger Ukrainian groups in Canada and the Old-World Ukrainian culture.

STEEL PLANT FACTS

Housing - "The Company provided different classes of houses for officials, skilled workmen and laborers, but a large number of the latter, have to find shelter for themselves.

"The Steel Company houses 38 Russian and Polish families on its own property beside the steel plant. The nineteen houses jumbled into an area that scarcely exceeds an acre and a half shelter 33] persons.

The Company charges a small rent, averagin $4.00 per family and $8.00 per house. According to statements received, the wages of married men in this colony averaged $1.6. per day."

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FLAG RAISING - The Friends of Whitney Pier will host a flag raising ceremony on Canada Day, July 1st, at 2:00 P.M. in Neville Park. Participants will gather at Holy Redeemer Parish Center parking lot at 1:30 P.M. for the march to the park. Refreshments will follow.

ST. PATRICK'S MUSEUM - 87 Esplanade is now open daily for the summer from 10 a.m.to 6 p.m. Housed in the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Cape Breton, the museum has an extensive and varied collection of local artifacts and photographs of early Sydney.

ITALIA DAY - Saturday evening, July 5th in the Multipurpose room at the University College of Cape Breton will feature a five course Italian dinner, dancing will follow.

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HEBREW CONGREGATION OF WHITNEY PIER

THE FOLLOWING FACTS WERE COMPILED FROM HISTORICAL DATA IN THE RECORD BOOKS OF THE CONGREGATION.

* April 6th, 1913, at a meeting in the home of Mr. P. Gaum, the following were elected to office: I. Nathanson, President; A. Feder, Vice-President; H. Brody, Secretary; and, J. I. Sadofsky, Treasurer.

* One week later a committee was formed for the purpose of building a Synagogue. Member of the building committee were H. Green, P. Gaum, A. Wolfson, I. Nathanson, F. Sherman, H. Brody and J.I. Sadofsky.

* April 27th, 1913 the Building Committee purchased the site of the Synagogue.

* July 23rd, 1913, cornerstone laid.

* Services for the High Holidays were held in the new Synagogue in September, 1913.

* Rabbis who served the Synagogue during it first forty years were I. Jacobson, J. Bachrach, H. Director, Winer, Dianow, H. Bronstein, S.B. Bronstein and S. Spiro.

REMEMBER The apple and sauerkraut barrels. Every family had one or more, until the snow fell and they vanished mysteriously to make skis for skiing down the Henry St hill.

POLISH HISTORY

TO COMMEMORATE THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S POLISH CHURCH, OLD PHOTOGRAPHS ARTIFACTS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST ABOUT TH POLISH COMMUNITY IN WHITNEY PIER ARE BEING COLLECTED TO BE PART OF A DISPLAY. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST IN SUCH A DISPLAY OR IF YOU WISH FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL - JEAN WHITE - 539-2389.- ALL ITEMS WILL BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED.

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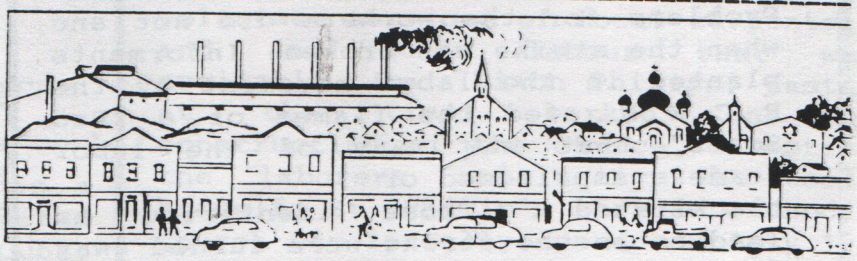

LABOR STRIFE-1923

When the troops returned at the end of the First World War, they found a labour market that was unstable and unabsorbing. The cost of living rose and wages lagged. Laborers were angry and frustrated. In 1919 a general strike in Winnipeg all but closed the city. Authorities blamed "Communist agents" for the labour unrest and used force to break the strike.

On June 30, 1923, the steel plant went on strike. Management wanted to reduce the wages of the workers. Labor had served the system of capitalism in the war and now wished to share more fully in its benefits. Authorities viewed the demands of labor with uneasiness and fear. The rhetoric of the Russian Revolution, used by some of the workers sparked a quick response from the steel company.

ARMY GUARDS THE PLANT

The army was sent in great force to guard the steel plant. "I remember Toronto and Winnipeg Dragoons had encampments on the plant. They had barbed wire and the army tents were wooden buildings. I saw them (soldiers) come down Tupper street, four and six abreast. And women, taking their children off the street, terrified of these army people. And whether they knew it or not, they were here to keep us from earning a decent wage. These strikes were not for more money, but to hold down the reduction (of wages)."

A royal commission gave one view of what happened: "On Sunday evening between eight and nine o'clock a riotous condition prevailed outside gate number 4 and in the adjacent streets. The provincial police were called upon to suppress the riot and to disperse the unlawful assembly. They did that. After that there was no rioting."

Bloody Sunday - July 1, 1923

What happened on that evening that the provincial police failed distinguish between unarmed strik and church-goers returning f evening services. An eye-witn wrote, "On Sunday night th provincial police rode down the pec at Whitney Pier who were on street, most of whom were coming f church. Neither age, sex nor physi disability offered protection. A year old woman was beaten i insensibility. A nine year old boy trampled and a woman gave premat birth after she was beaten over head."

VINDICATION BY MACKENZIE KING

In a letter dated August 1, 19 MacKenzie King gave credence to position of the workwers.

"My own opinion is that the British Empire Ste Corporation is very far behind t times in its labour policies, indeed the Corporation has any wort of the name. The condition of chror unrest for years past is evider sufficient. No work is harc or more unpleasant and, I agree th too great consideration cannot shown in those matters which make f the humanizing of all phases employment." (cont. page 2)

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Aftermath - (from page 1)

Problems for the workers did not end when the strike was broken. Informants planted in the labor movement by the R.C.M.P. fed the flames of a "Red Scare" that saw many of the labor leaders imprisoned or blacklisted. Those identified as leaders in the strike were turned away from the plant and forced to seek employment elsewhere. The epithet "Communist Agent" followed. The scars of the unwarranted oppression followed for years, even after labor was able to organize to protect its rights. The labor movement gained much from the sufferings of those leaders of the brief but tragic strike in 1923.

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EARLY FOOTBALL - Around Christmas time when families killed the pig they raised all summer, every part had its use. The bladder was given to the children. It was dried, filled with dried corn and tied off. "We would throw it around and play with it all winter. It was like a football."

READERS' RESPONSE

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* From Lingan Road - "I need eigh extra copies to send to relatives in Boston, Toronto and Calgary."

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*From Sydney -"It's true that St. Patrick's Museum is the oldest Roma Catholic Church in Cape Breton (se announcements), but there is more to its history. The Lebanese people who lived in the pier and other parts o Sydney had no church of their own. When St. Patrick's was abandoned by Sacred Heart in 1912, the Lebanes community jumped at the chance to hav a church of their own and hear Mass in the Maronite rite. For thirty eight years,(1919-1950) they used St Patrick's. Fr. Louis Soaib was the priest."

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+ From Sydney - I collect old bottle and would like to know where any ol bottling plants were located in the Pier so I can look there

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+ From Edmonton - Please include som information on the Community Hous that used to be on Victoria Road. It was a center of activity in th Pier for many years. (see next issue)

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ST, PHILIP'S AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The African Orthodox Church has a membership of 130,000 in the United States, Canada. the West Indies, Cuba, and Africa. But, St. Philip's is the only parish in Canada. It is the focal point for the Black community which now numbers about 250 families.

Prior to 1921, many of the West Indian Blacks attended St. Alban's Anglican Church. Others were members of Methodist or Baptist congregations. In the gradual process of establishment, the African Orthodox Church came to represent almost all of the Black community.

Church Formation

In June 1921, Jamaican-born William Ernest Robertson came to Sydney to start the work of the African Orthodox Church in Canada. He succeeded in organizing a congregation on Henry street. In 1922, a steel plant worker named Stanley Trotman served the parish. During his pastorate the congregation moved to Victoria Road. Trotman went to the United States to become an ordained minister and was replaced by Archdeacon Dixon Philips.

The Building

St. Philip's is located on Hankard Street. The building which houses the church was originally the property of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, located just inside gate number four. Dr. Alvinus Calder negotiated with the company for the parish to purchase the building. It was moved on a flat car to Lingan Road and then on rollers to its present location.

The parish then took over using th volunteer services of local carpente and any other labour that wa available. Rev. Dixon Philips, pastc at the time, worked on th construction of the church, directir the laborers and using the tool himself. St. Philip's African Orthodc Church was formally opened on July 12 1928.

The church has undergone some rathe dramatic structural changes since the parish was established. In the forties under the direction of the pastor Rev. George Francis, the interior ceiling was lowered and a basement put under the church. At that time it was moved "over a couple of feet" because it was on the adjoining property. In the course of time, new interior paneling, windows, doors, ramps, a steeple and siding have been added. It is hard to imagine that the building once served as a storage space for the steel plant.

Pastors

Best known of the pastors of St. Philip's was Rev. George Francis (1940-1982). He was regarded by all segments of the community as a civic leader who gave generously of his time to voluntary organizations and worked tirelessly for the betterment of Black people in Cape Breton.

In addition to those mentioned previously, other pastors were James A. Ford, 1936-37 and A.R. Jones, 1938-39. Rev. Vincent Waterman has been pastor since 1983.

The strength of the African Orthodox Church in Sydney is the strong West Indian culture which is still in evidence three generations after the original immigration. The West Indian identity is encouraged by the church's sponsorship of social events and heritage-awareness projects.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A CROATIAN IMMIGRANT

"When I came to this country, I moved out to Edmonton. A farmer offered me a job for $5.00 per month. I told him I came here to work not to be a slave.

"I got a telegram saying come to Cape Breton and work in the coal mines. Six of us jumped on the train and came to Sydney on September 1, 1926. We went to Dominion on the streetcar but the fellow who sent the telegram was gone and we didn't know anybody. A Russian fellow told us not to worry. He would get us a job in the mines. He got us miner's papers for $11.00. We went to the mine to work, we got a lamp and everything. But, when I came to the mine something funny happened. When I looked into the mine entrance I saw the trench which had cave in on me during the war. I was trapped there all day with my gas mask on until I managed to dig out at about 11:00 p.m. I couldn't go down in the mine. I took off the lamp, laid it down and walked away.

"Another fellow helped me to get to Sydney. I got a job on October 14, '26 as a laborer in the coke ovens. I went to the coal wash plant as a trimmer until 1936. Then I brought my family over. Then I was a foreman until I retired after twenty-seven years."

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POINTS OF INTEREST

TURKISH BATH - The brown and yellow apartment building at 168 Mt. Pleasant Street was for many years a Turkish Bath. It was used by both town and Pier residents as a gathering place. It was built around 1920 by Joseph Yurchesyn. It offered a steam bath followed by a hot water bath and massage. At a time when few homes could afford the luxury of heated baths, the Turkish Bath was a business venture which served the need of the community.

Henry Street Corner - On Sunday evenings it wasn't uncommon to see upwards of three hundred people gathered at Henry Street and Victoria Road. Many came to listen to the Salvation Army Band which played there. Others came just to meet and greet friends. The corner was also called Manson's corner because Manson's Drugs was located there. Manson's is now the Thistle Tavern.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE

"The Community House was built in 1923 by the Board of Home Missions Rev. J.H. Hamilton became its first superintendent and Miss Dorothy Kirkpatrick the first Girl´s Worker."

"In the early years, this building was a hive of activity, used by young and old alike. For the youth, there were classes in gymnastics, and for the adults, sewing classes, mothers´ clubs and a weekly Well-Baby clinic (conducted by the V.O.N. under the supervision of Miss Mable Dubbin), to mention just a few of the many activities."

"The highlight came at the end of the season in June, when the annual ´Gymnhanka´. which was a display of the year´s activities, drew a tremendous crowd of interested parents and friends. Outstanding among the sports was basketball, and the tennis courts at the side of the building were seldom vacant during the summer months."

After the Second World War, Trinity Church needed more classroom space for its Sunday School. To fill this need, the congregation purchased the Community House. A building committee was appointed and renovations immediately begun. Not only were classrooms built, but the gym floor was enlarged, a stage erected and a modern kitchen was installed.

As years went by, it became more and more expensive to operate the building and activities were curtailed. In 1973, the building was sold and razed.

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Remember - Ben Malonosh - He coached basketball teams at the Community House in the 30´s when they had the best team in the province.

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´DRINK FROM THE BUBBLE´

Scattered about the city of Sydn were five horse troughs -two of whi were in the Pier.

When you entered Whitney Pier through the ´Subway´ (Canada´s only subway at the time), you came upon just about where Fred Tommie´s is located now, along side the Blue St Traders.

A coal depot was located at the bottom of Dominion Street and many load of coal was hauled up that ste incline by horse and wagon. At the of Dominion Street on Victoria Road another trough was located. I was always amazed at the amount of wate that Mr. Bates´ (John Leo) horse cou drink. Along with the horses, that a favorite watering hole for the neighborhood kids on warm summer day or on their way to Sydney harbor for swim just off Broadway.

It was a great spot to not only cool off but also to get a cool refreshing drink of cold clear wate oh yes - we were always careful to avoid the green seaweed-like algae that clung to the side of the 4 foot wide, cast iron trough by always "drinking from the bubble."

When watering a team of horses yo had to be careful of the shaft or po that ran between them. It would hook into the lip of the trough.

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CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

As part of ACTION WEEK ACTIVITIES - The Caribbean Day Festival will be given by the St. Philip's Altar Guild on Monday August 4th from 1 - 6 p.m. in the church yard on Hankard St., Whitney Pier.

The festival will feature the sale of West Indian Food (chicken and rice, black pudding and souse, etc.) games of chance, and early bird bingo. Continuous calypso music from 1-6 p.m. and Eddie Parris Band will play from 7-9 p.m.

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Action Week Dance sponsored by the Ethiopian Community Women's Club - Saturday August 9th at Menelik Hall Laurier Street. Dancing 10-2,(19 & over).

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On Sunday August 10th the Ethiopian Community Women's Club will host a ball tournament for all ages at the Tupper Street field, 2 - 6 p.m.

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Foot Races

Victoria Day, May 24th was the day of the big races in Whitney Pier.

The big 3 mile race started in front of the Whitney Pier Hall (now Imperial Hall) went out Victoria Road to just opposite Holy Redeemer Church. There the course turned toward the brook at MacLeod's Hill, and then back toward Quirk's garage or the bottom of the overpass and then back to the Imperial Hall.

Local businessman Jake Epstein sponsored the races. People would line Victoria Road on both sides from the subway right to the Hall. A dozen runners would compete in the 3 mile event with as many in the 1 and 2 mile races. Afterwards it was off to Angus' lake for a swim to cool off. (This was in May - not many would consider a swim that early in the year now.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends of the Pier Historical Soc ie will be hosting a gala picnic at Neville Park, August 7th from 12 o for Pier and former Pier resident .

Gone are the days of the nickle ar dime, but not so for our old fashion picnic - ice cream 5 cents, hot d gs 10 cents -games for the children and bingo. The evening will continue wit a dance in the Holy Redeemer Pari h Center. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 .m Music from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

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MENELIK HALL

In 1937 an Ethiopian Cultural Society was formed which continue this day. The building serving this organization was named after the Ethiopian hero, Menelik, who defe t the Italian army in 1896 in a significant battle which confirmed t independence of Ethiopia.

Civil rights leader Marcus Garv y spoke there in 1937. He was greeted a parade when he arrived in Sydney. Dr. Alvinus Calder was an early l ad of the Ethiopian Cultural Society.

Menelik Hall was also the site of boxing matches on Saturday night. Du Hennison, Eddy Ardellii Nick Melnyk and Nick Epifano were well known boxers. Joe Sylvester, a trainer he workouts at a little shack on Lingan Road. Youngsters would join t boxers in their road work.

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Remember - The Atlantic Hotel - just beside where the Irving Station is o Victoria Road. It was operated by an O'Dea family. It was a green, thre e story, square, wooden structure with veranda across the front.

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Remember - Sneaking into the Casino Theatre????? "Four fellows would get together and scrounge up the dime fo admission. One would buy a ticket When the lights dimmed, the inside fellow would open a little hatch nd the stage and the other three would emerge from the coal bin looking lik miners.

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ST. ALBAN´S

The Early Church

Prior to 1900, Sydney was little more than a quiet village with one Anglican church (St. George´s). For a period of time, St. Alban´s was a mission of St. George´s and Rev. Mr. Cox was Curate in charge. The congregation felt the need of a church building, so when land became available, a decision was made to purchase same and erect a church. In May, 1902 a congregational meeting was held at the Mission Hall on Victoria Road and a finance committee consisting of the following was appointed: Messers. Snooks, Smith, King, Dove, Tucker, A. Cockell, Westbury, E. Cockell and White. An open air service was held on June 8, 1902, when the Corner Stone was laid by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Courtney, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

Rev. B.A. Bowman took charge of St. Alban´s in 1905. Through his efforts and the cooperation of the congregation, a Font was purchased - symbolic of the first step in the Christian Church.

FIRST RECTOR

On Trinity Sunday, 1909, the Rev. Quinton Warner was appointed first Rector of St. Alban´s. During his stay, the basement floor was completed and a start made on the Sanctuary. On Trinity Sunday three years later the first service was held in the main part of the church.

Rev. A.F. Arnold

On April 2, 1922, Rev. A.F. Arnold conducted his first service as Rector of St. Alban´s. He was to preside over the affairs of the parish for the next 33 years.

ST. CYPRIAN´S MISSION

"During this time, the coloured people of St. Alban´s Parish procur a church building of their own. Rev A.F. Arnold worked among these peop holding many services in their Miss Church on Henry Street. On October 1925, C.S. England was ordained Dea for work among the coloured people this parish. At an afternoon servic the Mission Church on Henry Street dedicated by the Archbishop and nam St. Cyprian."

Halls

For many years the Church baseme was used for all meetings, Sunday School, concerts, plays, bazaars an other events. But the people felt t need of a parish hall to hold these events.

At this time, tragedy struck St. Cyprian´s. A fire broke out and rendered it unfit for further churc services. St. Alban´s purchased the building, repaired it and it became the first church hall in 1931. Ten years later it was sold and it was until 1948 that the present church hall was completed.

Stained Glass Window

A stained glass window above the altar dominates the interior of the church. It is made of three arched panels. The first depicts St. Paul. The center panel, titled "Light of World", shows Christ knocking on th door that must be opened from the inside. The third is of St. Alban, patron saint of the parish.

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SAMPLES OF RESOURCES:

audio tape 2104 -- oral history relating to the establishment of the African Orthodox Church in Whitney Pier, and also to the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Cape Breton.

Photograph 83-452-8752, a&b -- two photos of the Jewish Hall (YMHA) at Whitney Pier. One interior and one exterior.

Manuscript Group 7,2 --interview of bakery owner at Whitney Pier. Discussion of various bakeries in the history of Whitney Pier. >

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BLACK IMMIGRATION -In 1899, Blacks from Alabama came to work in the stee plant. Others came from Guysborough and Preston on the mainland of Nov Scotia. The West Indian culture becam the dominant pattern of the Blacks as further immigration of family members took place. West Indians married other Blacks and formed a community in the area of the Pier ea the coke ovens of the steel plant.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

Boarding House at the Steel Plant end of Ferris Street - "When we started workir at the open hearth, there was no place to sleep, there were so many people.There were 20 boarders.

There were Polish upstairs and Russians downstairs. The old Woman who ran the house cooked in one big pot and she brought that big pot into the room.

They worked day shift and back shift.Whe the day shift came from work, the back shift went to work, so they took their beds. So the beds slept people all the time. They worked shift work and they slept shift work."

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Started by Mr. Hirsh as a dairy establish-ment. The barn was in the back of the hous on Lingan Road. They used to pasture the cows in the field across Lingan Road. There were no houses at the time, it was all fie d. He had about a dozen cows. He milked them by hand, and sold the milk. His son Harry modernized the operation and started buyin milk from outside farmers.

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STAR THEATER

Opening night at the Star featured "A St r is Born" starring Frederick Marsh and Janet Gainer. It was so crowded that if you inhaled, the person next to you exhaled. Y u had to buy tickets in advance. Young fellows preferred the Casino when it opened because you couldn't sneak into the Star.

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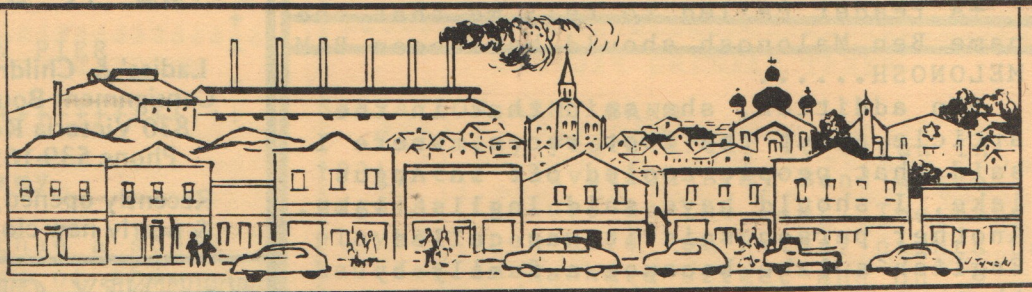

NURSE DUBBIN

Well known for her work in Whitney Pier was Nurse Mabel Dubbin. As a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses (V.O.N.) she supervised the well baby clinic at the Community House for many years.

The following excerpts are taken from the book she wrote called, "40 Years A Nurse, Thirty-Two a V.O.N.".

ARMISTICE DAY

"During the fall of 1918 news from the War Office was certainly brighter, and as the weeks passed there was a great deal of talking about an armistice being signed, so much so that our minister at the Sunday Evening Service said, `Come to the church whenever you hear the whistles, even if it´s three o´clock in the morning.´

"Around six a.m. the next day, the whistles awakened me. As I hurried along Victoria Road I was overtaken by other members of the Methodist Church. It was a raw, damp, cold morning; nevertheless, the small organ was carried outside the barn like building and placed on the platform close to the front door. This service, conducted by Rev. A.W. Dycer was the first in the city on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

FLU EPIDEMIC

"But there was much sadness at this time, and all the following year, due to the terrible toll taken by the "flu" epidemic, which was raging throughout the land. In the Pier district, hardly a home escaped. Even the healthiest were stricken, for there seemed to be no immunity. I do not know how I managed to escape, for the tired and hungry were easy prey."

HOME VISITS

"There was no hospital in the city at the time for it had been previously been destroyed by fire. Most of the cases requiring major surgery were sent out to Glace Bay, a distance of twelve miles, but there were a number of operations performed in the homes until the opening of the new city hospital a year or so later.

"Children, as a rule were splendid patients. Very rarely did I have any difficulty giving them treatment. I attributed my success with them to their mothers. I often heard them say, ´Here comes Miss Dubbin to make you better´.

"The Italian women made the most of the warm sunny days, for they would sit on their front steps crocheting all kinds of lace; while at the same time keeping an eye on their toddlers. I seldom saw these women house cleaning or washing clothes, yet I noticed the bare boards of the sick room were scrubbed spotlessly clean, and there was no shortage of clean bedding for the patient.

"The Polish and Ukrainian people were congregated nearer the Steel Plant. These people were very clean and thrifty. They kept miniature farmyards. And a vegetable garden was a certainty if the smallest piece of land was available. The children were quiet and well behaved. They seldom cried and were not bribed to be good, so it was a joy to work in their homes.

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READERS RESPONSE

+A reader called to tell me that the name Ben Malonosh should have been BAM MELONOSH......

+In addition, she said that in the article about the foot races, where I said that people cooled off in Angus´ lake, I should have said Inglis´ lake. Another person said it was called English´s lake because a family by that name lived nearby.

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+Also, in the article on the foot races, I was informed that it was Dave Epstein, not Jake who sponsored the races. I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Dave Epstein. Next issue will include some of his many contributions to Whitney Pier.

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+Many calls have come in asking for numbers 1 & 2 of PIER TIMES. I regret that we have completely run out of those. There are still some copies of numbers 3, 4 & 5 if you look around. If you are unable to locate a particular issue, you may go to the Beaton Institute and copy one there for a modest charge.

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CHURCHES OF WHITNEY PIER

The Salvation Army

"On May 22, 1902, less than a score of years after the founding of the nation's first Salvation Army unit, a Corps was established in Whitney Pier under the leadership of Captain Allen Ritchie who, in 1903 organized a Sunday school as one of the Corp's initial activities.

Citadel Erected

"Three years later under the leadership of Captain Ritchie, the Corps people built a citadel. It was located at 928 Victoria Road, beside where the Credit Union is now. It was a two story wooden building. The officers' quarters were up above the church. The basement was not usable because water used to come in, so all activities took place in the main room, the Senior Chapel. This building served the Corps in Whitney Pier until 1970 when the new citadel was erected on its Church Street site. The new building has a chapel, a Youth Corps hall and rooms for Sunday school classes. Services were held there for the first time in 1971 under the ministry of Major Fred Goobie.

Activities

The navy-blue uniform with red emblems on the collar has been a familiar sight in the Pier for many years. They are especially noticeable around Christmas time when Corps members "man the kettle and ring the bell" to raise money for food and other things for the needy. Before shopping malls became fashionable the Pier Corps stood at the Five and Dime on Victoria Road, (where Roger's is located) or at the Liquor Commission.

SALVATION ARMY BAND

For many years after it began in 1931, the Salvation Army Band was a regular feature in the Pier. The band played "open airs" on Friday nights on Laurier or Hankard street and on Sunday night at the Henry street corner. Hundreds would gather to listen. "We don't have them any more because there's so much traffic now you couldn't hear the music without microphones and speakers."

Other Activities

The Salvation Army is Gospel/Bible oriented, but they limit preaching to their own members. They are best known to outsiders for social work. As any veteran can attest, the Salvation Army is universally respected for the assistance that they provide to service men away from home.

The proceeds of the Clothing Store on Victoria road is to help with their works of social welfare. And the clothing is available without cost to those who can not afford to pay the modest charge.

Where there is an accident, fire or disaster, the Salvation Army goes and sets up a coffee and doughnut stop for those working at the scene or for the families of those affected.

The Tavern Ministry is another facet of the work of the Salvation Army. Long concerned with the depravations caused by the abuse of alcohol, the Army began visiting the taverns. Every Friday night the officer and one of the lay members go in uniform. They take copies of the "War Cry", newspaper of the Salvation Army, and a little red donation box. They don't try to force their doctrine on people; they just talk to people and offer the example of their own lives.

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FIRST TALKING PICTURE

The first talking picture in Cape Breton was at Khattar's Theatre in Whitney Pier, the week of June 17 to June 22, 1929.

"The Donovan Affair", starring Jack Holt with Dorothy Revier, William Collier, Jr., Agnes Ayres and others was shown each evening at 7:15 and 9:00 p.m. All seats - - 75 cents.

The following week, Khattar's had another talkie, "Father and Son", again starring Jack Holt.

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REMEMBER - "The Policeman" - For more than thirty years, Sgt. "Big Rannie" MacDonald was the sole police presence in the Pier during the evenings. Parents warned, "Be careful or Big Rannie will get you". Or, "Behave yourself or I'll get Big Rannie after you". He enforced the curfew for young people when the whistle blew at 9:00 p.m. But as one fellow told me, "Big Rannie" was always on Victoria Road making sure the kids were off the streets at curfew, so we were everywhere else raising Cain."

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NURSE DUBBIN RECALLS THE TRAMCAR

"There was much excitement throughout the city when buses replaced the tramcars. What service the people were going to have now! For these were scheduled to run every ten to fifteen minutes, while the trams had been running only every twenty. Besides that, the buses had a much larger route, therefore I was quite delighted. But it was not long before I was wishing for the old "reliables" back again.

When I had calls to make along the tram route, I could time myself to a nicety, and have my work finished, and be at the tram stop just as one was coming along. But not so with the buses. I waited and waited, which I found more tiring than walking. But why walk when a bus was so much quicker! Then I was mad at myself for wasting so much time. Yet still I waited, for surely a bus should be along any minute now. It was in pure desperation that I decided I must walk. But no sooner had I left the bus stop than one of those darned buses went whizzing by."

Some things never change!!!!!!!!!!!

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WHITNEY PIER MAY ASK FOR SEPARATION

There are those who claim, with some reason, that the "Pier"" does not receive the same level of service as the rest of the city. This idea is not new as can bee seen in the following excerpts from the **Sydney Daily Post** of April 9, 1902.

"A meeting of the ratepaying public was on the evening of the 7th inst. convened at Whitney Pier in MacMillan Hall with ex-Councillor MacLeod in the chair.

"R.L. Philips opened the meeting saying that he thought well to petition the Governor-in-Council for a separation from the town of Sydney without that the Council would act more liberal with us in the near future.

Charges and Counter-charges

"Councillor Fitzgerald charged the landlords for not doing right by the people of Whitney Pier, that they never opened proper streets, etc.

"W.E. Young gave a special account of the extremely bad condition of the streets. He for one would certainly abandon the place, but before doing this he would like first to see if it could not be got to go back to its former status as a municipal district.

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"John Morrison, Esq. next spoke and said that he understood some of the home builders blamed him for not giving streets through his lands. He condemned the Council for not dealing justly with the people of Whitney Pier. What right have we to build streets, while we pay our tax as ratepayers to a Town Council whose duty it is to see to having it done.

"Mr. Morrison of McInnis and Morrison blamed people who bought houses without first getting proper streets.

"Neil MacLeod blamed Town Council and further declared that people should desist from paying taxes if the Council was not going to spend its moneys impartially.

"At this point a strong controversy arose as to what course to adopt in the future.

"The following resolution was passed: "Whereas the Whitney Pier section of Ward five was in its present irregular condition at the time it was acquired by the town, but free of debt;

"Be it therefore resolved that this meeting and other residents of Ward V shall oppose the borrowing of any amount until such time as sufficient guarantee is given that this part of town shall receive the proportion to which it is justly entitled."

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Sauerkraut

For many families, sauerkraut was made in the fall to last the winter. Here is one woman's description of the process.

"We'd buy a bag of cabbage from a farmer in Westmont and clean it. Then it would be sliced and put in a sawed-down barrel. Salt was added and the man of the house usually trampled it with his bare feet. Salt and cabbage were added and trampled until the barrel was filled as high as you wanted it. In later years we used a wooden pounder to mash it down, but I think it needed the temperature of the feet to get the juices flowing in the cabbage.

"A wooden lid was made to fit down on the cabbage. This was covered with a cloth and a rock -usually granite that wouldn't melt like the sandstone- was put on top to press the lid and hold it on.

" You knew when the sauerkraut was ready because you could smell it all over the house. The juices would flow and it would get limp and have that typical sauerkraut flavor. We also put whole heads of cabbage into the barrel. The limp leaves of the pickled heads were used for cabbage rolls. The sauerkraut would last all winter and we'd have some for Easter.

+ Blue Berry Wine +

The same woman who told me about sauerkraut gave me this information about blue berry wine.

"Just fill a large bottle, like the old time pickle bottles, with berries and put several inches of sugar on top. Set the bottle in a sunny window. The sun causes the sugar to melt and the berries to shrivel. After several weeks you get a lovely clear wine with the color of rubies. No water was added. Then we strained it and bottled it in a regular bottle and saved it for Christmas."

* In the late 20s and 30s there was a bowling alley on Victoria Road where the Liquor Commission is now.

THE BOOM AT SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

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HOLY REDEEMER

"The mission church of Holy redeemer built in 1901, was situated on Carlin's Hill on James Street and commanded a view overlooking Sydney Harbour and the newly built iron and steel plant.

"The church was designed in a Romanesque style of architecture by Mr. Ronald Gillis, architect and contractor. It had a seating capacity of about eight hundred and fifty people.

"The boundaries of Holy Redeemer Parish encompassed an area that extended north to Munn's Farm, South Bar; west to Sydney Harbour; east to Grand Lake; and south to the railway of the Sydney and Glace Bay Electric Company.

"When the new mission church was dedicated, parishioners formed a choir which took part in the ceremony. The choir was then under the direction of Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Fitzpatrick with Miss Carlin as accompanist. Since that time, choirs have been an integral part of the history of the Holy Redeemer Church. Later, Mrs. C.J. LeBlanc gave much of her time over a period of twenty five years to accompany the choirs.

Catholic Mutual Benefit Association

"CMBA was a private insurance company for parishioners. Among the officers of the original branch were Patrick Gillis, Frederick Peckham, John Keating, John C. Riley, James Carlin and George Burgey.

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"Father Neil MacDonald was the first pastor of Holy Redeemer Church and served the parish from 1902-1906. Under his pastorate, the parish grew rapidly. He started a school in the basement of the church. He supervised the building of a glebe house on James St., and undertook the construction of a convent-school on James St. and a parish hall (Imperial Hall) on Victoria Road. Fr. MacDonald died in 1907 and was the first to be buried at Calvary Cemetery, the first parish cemetery on Lingan Road.

Glebe House

"In 1902 when Fr Neil MacDonald became pastor, there was no glebe house nor funds to finance construction. Fr. MacDonald sought the aid of two friend living in Boston, Mass. Plans were designed there and materials were shipped from Boston to Sydney. With the aid of the parishioners, the new glebe house was built next to the church on James St.

Congregation de Notre Dame

"At first the basement of the church was used for school purposes. Two sisters of the C.N.D., Mother of the Immaculate Conception (Fraser) who was provincial superior of the Maritime Provinces at the time and Sister St. Genevieve (Doyle) who transferred from Holy Angels Convent in Sydney began to teach the children who until this time had been attending non-Catholic schools.

1913 Fire

"At 12:40 p.m. on June 11th, 1913 a little smoke was seen on the roof of Holy Redeemer Church. Fire trucks were summoned but lack of pressure made the blaze impossible to reach. The fire spread uncontrolled, fanned by the wind. When the roof and steeple of the church collapsed sparks set other buildings in the neighborhood afire. By 4:00 p.m. the church, glebe house convent-school were gone along with thirty other homes."

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Announcements

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+ When an industrial accident causes serious injury or death at the Steel Plant these days, the victim is known and mourned. It was not always so as this item from the Sydney Daily Post of February 23, 1905 shows.

POLISH LABORER KILLED AT WORKS
Struck on the Head by a Piece of Iron which Fractured His Skull

A Pole named Meiro Melnohk was killed at the steel works about nine o`clock yesterday morning. He was engaged with a number of others shovelling snow off the railway track near the "skull cracker", an apparatus used for breaking up olds scrap iron. The skull cracker was at work, and a piece of iron flew and struck the unfortunate man, breaking his skull. Dr. Johnston was immediately summoned but the man had expired when he reached him. He was about forty years of age, Catholic in religion and lived in No. 10 shack. It is not known whether he was married. Internment will probably be held today.....

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READERS' RESPONSE

* You called the Casino Theater Khattar's Theater...I never knew it by that name.

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* Your ad for the Legion gave the wrong office hours. It should be from 10 am to 11:30 am, not pm.

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EARLY BUSINESS IN THE PIER

Most of the immigrants who settled in Whitney Pier around the turn of the century were laborers seeking work at the new steel plant. But some groups came to provide the goods and services required by the other immigrants.

ENTREPRENEURS

A word seen and heard frequently in the news today is "entrepreneur". An entrepreneur is a person who organizes, operates and assumes the risk for a business venture. While today, an entrepreneur may apply for government assistance, in the early 1900's the individual had to rely upon his own energy and ability to succeed in business. Among the early immigrants to the Pier, the Jewish, Lebanese and Chinese were notable for their business activity.

In the case of Jewish and Lebanese immigrants, they brought the tradition of business with them. The Chinese, on the other hand, were forced by conditions of discrimination existing at the time, to start their own businesses.

JEWISH

The late Dave Epstein is an example of the early Jewish merchants in the Pier. When he arrived in Sydney at the age of 16, in March of 1907, he spoke no English and had no money. To learn the language and earn his living, he began to "peddle" for his uncle Morris Lubchansky, who owned a general store on Victoria Road.

Mr. Epstein's territory was all of Victoria County. "I had a 75 pound pack on my back and a fifty pound pack in front. I walked house to house from Smokey to Bay St. Lawrence." On his return to Sydney nine months later, He worked as a salesman in his uncle's store for a short time and then opened his own store in Sydney Mines. A year later, he moved his business back to the Pier where he remained for eighteen years. His next move was to Charlotte Street, to the building now occupied by McKnight's and in 1929, the Epstein Block was built, which is still the location of Dave Epstein Limited.

LEBANESE

Like the Jewish merchants, early Lebanese businesses began with peddling. The peddler did more than supply goods to the rural areas of Cape Breton. He provided news and information from the larger centers. He carried messages and stories between the homes of the widely scattered rural families.

Record list the following Lebanese businesses in Whitney Pier in the first quarter century of the 1900's.

Isaas Abbass Confectionery, 703 Victoria Road.
Joseph Ferris Grocery, 540 Victoria Road.
Frank Gentiele Confectionery, 95 Tupper St.
Simon Joseph Barber Shop, 681 Victoria Road.
Edward Joseph and Leo T. Abbass are listed as barbers in Simon Joseph's Barber Shop which was later called Joseph Brothers.
In about 1918, Simon Joseph also opened a grocery store on Victoria Road.

Chinese

Chinese began to come to Eastern Nova Scotia at the time of the opening of the steel plant. But, there is no evidence that any Chinese ever worked in the plant or in the mines. Because the chinese could not get work in the plant or the coal mines they opened their own businesses. City Directories for the period 1903 - 1923 provided the following information.

Laundry Owners
Samuel Lee, 991 Victoria Road.
Charlie Wong, 707 Victoria Road.
Charlie Wo(ng) 102 Laurier St.
Charles Kim, 648 Victoria Road.
Sam Wong, 741-743 Victoria Road.
Charlie Lee, 732 Victoria Road.
Charlie Wah, 17 Lingan Road.

Laundry Employees
Hong Won, 707 Victoria Road.
Wang Wong, 648 Victoria Road.
Qua Lee, 732 Victoria Road.

Restaurant Owners
Charles Wong, Royal Cafe, 711 Victoria Rd.
Sing Yong, Paris Cafe, 730 Victoria Road.

READERS' RESPONSE

* I was born in 1926 and began going to the Casino Theatre at the age of five. I do not remember it being called by the name Khattar Theatre.

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* The Khattar Theater, on Victoria Road , Whitney Pier, was owned and operated by Mr. John Khattar from 1917 until December 1929 when the building was completely renovated and the name changed to Casino Theatre. It remained under the ownership of Mr. Khattar.

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* The first movie shown in the new Casino Theatre was "the Long, Long Trail, starring Hoot Gibson.

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* The Star Theatre, next door to the Casino was owned and operated by Mr. Starr McLeod. It opened on April 11, 1938, with the movie, "A Star is Born" starring Janet Gaynor and Frederick March.

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* "I thought you would like to know that PIER TIMES is being read as far away as Melbourne, Australia. My daughter lives there and I have been sending them to her since they began".

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* Another reader told me about sending them to a relative in England.

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* The first issue of PIER TIMES was dated 1 June, 1986. It comes out every two weeks. A total of ten issues are planned. The next issue will be out September 29th and the final issue is scheduled for October 12, 1986.

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* Many thanks for all the calls and notes about the Pier Times, and special thanks once again to Bill Snow for information about the theatres.

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The Boom At Sydney, Nova Scotia

"Good Progress is being made in the Coke Ovens and 200 out of a total of 400 that are to be built will be ready by Dominion Day. The fourteen blast and steel furnaces built, as they wil be in a line along the railway siding are one of the most important features of the place. Six months ago, Merchants' Bank of Halifax was the only institution of the kind doing business here. Today, Commercial Bank of Winsor, Bank of Montreal, Bank of British North America and Union Bank of Halifax have opened."

From an article in the Cape Breton Advocate, Sydney, Jan, 1908.

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St. Nicholas Italian Church

"Before the year 1900, as far as can be ascertained, there were no Italians in Cape Breton, apart from the vague mention of two families with Italian names.

IMMIGRATION

"However, early in 1900, when the steel plant was established, quite an influx of Italian immigrants took place, some of them recruited from the Boston labor market. Among the first arrivals were two brothers, Alessandro and Michele Martinello. The immigrants who came from south and central Italy found employment with the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at Sydney Mines.

"St. Nicholas Italian Church was built in 1911 by Rev. Domenico Viola, who came from Bari, Italy." (above from "Brief History of the Italian Colony of Cape Breton" by E.J. Julian.)

THE BUILDING

The Church was located on the corner of William and Hankard Streets, facing William Street. There were two front entrances, one in the center and the other in the base of the sixty-five foot steeple set in the Northwest corner.

St. Nicholas was a wood frame structure of basic gothic design. The siding was shingle, painted grey. A feature of the exterior was the large ornamental window above the main door. It had many square panes of glass fitted into the shape of a cross.==========

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ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The lot occupied by the church was about 65´ by 200´. The large open field beside the church was the scene of many picnics with booths, games and Spaghetti suppers.

As with other churches of the time, St. Nicholas Parish had an association to look after injured workers and others in need. The first Italian Society was organized immediately after the church was erected. It was called the" Saint Rita Society." It later disbanded and was replaced in the early twenties by a society called "Giovinezza Italica". This society flourished for a while but dissolved in the middle thirties.

CLERGY

Fr. Domenico Viola became the first curate of St. Nicholas in 1911 and remained until 1925.

Fr. Ronald MacLean served the parish from 1925 to 1943.

In 1943, care of the parish passed to Fr. Emidio D´Intino, a native of Whitney Pier. Fr. D´Intino was the first person baptized in the new church in 1911 and the first Italian priest ordained in the diocese of Antigonish. He served until 1970.

On Halloween night, in 1971 St. Nicholas Italian Church was destroyed by fire. A new church/hall was built under the direction of Fr. D´Intino. When it was completed it came under the direction of Holy Redeemer Parish.

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The Beaton Institute would like to obtain photographs which show the interior of St. Nicholas Church. If you know of any such photos please contact the editor, 564-8012. Arrangements will be made to copy and preserve the photos and originals will be carefully handled and returned if desired.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

> The Friends of Whitney Pier Historical Society - will meet Tuesday September 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Redeemer Parish Center. The meeting is open to the public and anyone with an interest in the history of the Pier is urged to attend.

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> Polish History - To commemorate the 75th anniversary of St. Mary´s Polish Church, a display is being prepared . If you have old photographs, artifacts or articles useful for such a display, please call JEAN WHITE at 539-2389. All items will be carefully preserved.

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> SSENS - Society for the Study of Ethnicity in Nova Scotia will hold a "Conference on Ethnicity, Oral Testimony and the World of Work at Baddeck (and Glace Bay) October 15-18. For further information contact the Beaton Institute, 539-5300 Ext 396.

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> The 12th Annual Reunion of the S&L Railway Workers will take place in Louisbourg on Sunday September 14th, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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WANTED - We have been told that there was once a newspaper called Pier Times. So far, we have not been able to find a copy. Do <u>You</u> have one? Or, do you know about such a paper??????

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<u>Point of Interest</u> - The building on the corner of Fisher and Henry Streets which housed Wapo´s Dairy was originally St. Mark´s Presbyterian Church. For a period it was used as the African Orthodox Church and the St. Cyprian´s Anglican Mission. When it suffered fire damage, it was repaired and used as the Parish Hall of St. Alban´s.

There followed several businesses including Henry Orkish´s "Sydney Home Appliances". It was here that many people first saw and subsequently bought their first television.

In 1973, Earl O´Neil bought the premises and created Wapo´s Dairy, so called because of the Italian connection, a nickname that was acceptable in these earlier times.

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PIER TIMES - WHY ?

Pier Times tries to present the results of historical research in a popular format

Pier Times has three aims: 1. to develop within the community an awareness of its historical and cultural significance, 2. to further the aims of the Beaton Institute in its research, and 3. to challenge the members of the community to explore their history further...............

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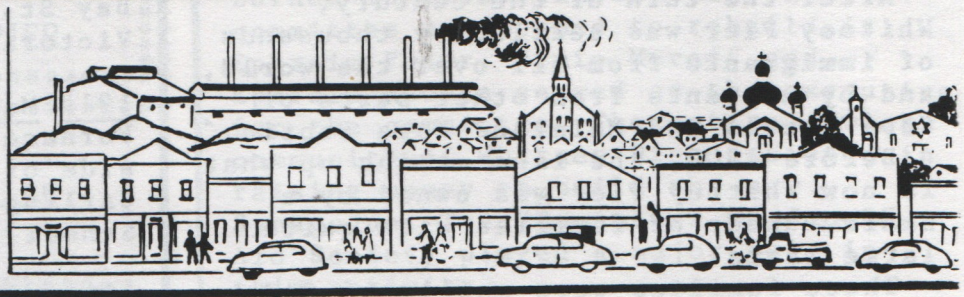

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IMPRESSIONS

I was ten years old in 1920. Every day I walked the length of Victoria Road to and from Holy Redeemer School. I passed the stores and shops, I talked with the merchants and their workers and clerks. I remember:

STORES, SHOPS, BUSINESSES & PEOPLE

A shoemaker named Burt from Port Aux Basques.

The Eldridges' Boarding House.

Burn's Bakery and Johnnie Khattar's Clothing Store.

George Topshee's Store and Lawyer Hamilton's office -same building.

Quirk's Grocery Store and boarding house. He was from St. Martin, N.B.

The Royal Oak, a hotel for steel-workers.

Miller's Candy Store.

Danny MacIsaac's Barber Shop and MacMillan's Drug Store - both in the same building, owned by Fred Quirk.

F.A. Crowell's Grocery and Clothing Store - It was first on the corner of Hankard and Victoria Rd. It burned and moved to Henry and Victoria. Hugh V. Chisholm came from Antigonish in 1904 to be manager.

O'Dell's Atlantic Hotel.

Rankin's Store.

Sherman's Clothing Store- their house was in the same building.

Dan Gillis' Livery Stables- he drove for weddings and funerals. He had a beautiful race horse named "Ginger Beldan"

Nate Nathanson's Ice Cream Parlour and Confectionery. His father was "Hi" Nathanson to the children. He had a parrot which talked to the children on their way to school.

More Stores and People

T.W. Condon Hardware.

Leith's Dry Goods Store.

Phillip Gausie's Dry Goods.

Dave Epstein's Clothing & other Goods.

Bonavitsky's Dry Goods Store- the window was decorated with huge ads Player's cigarettes.

Mrs. Moraff's Hat Shop (later 20'

Louis Gaum Dry Goods Store.

Ike Green's Confectionery

The Little Red Store

The Methodist Church

The Fire Hall

Newman's Grocery - delivery with horse and wagon.

Norman Gillis' Grocery and Campbell's Grocery - take orders on day and deliver the next.

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LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK

Until the 1940's, The stores in Whitney Pier opened at 7:00a.m. and closed at midnight. The long hours were to accommodate the shift worke at the steel plant.

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NEWFOUNDLAND MIGRATION

Newfoundlanders have migrated to Nova Scotia (and back) for almost 2 years. In the twentieth century, Newfoundlanders came to work on the boats between North Sydney and Port Aux Basques. They came in even grea numbers to work in the coal mines a steel plants. They came from every outport and town of Newfoundland. Many arrived aboard the "Bruce", on of the better known ferry boats between Nova Scotia and Newfoundlan

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EARLY WHITNEY PIER LANDHOLDERS

After the turn of the century, Whitney Pier was settled by thousands of immigrants from all over the world, and by migrants from other parts of Cape Breton and Mainland Nova Scotia.

Before 1900, the land making up what is now Whitney Pier was owned by a small number of families with quite large farms.

These families were mainly of Old Sydney Stock, but a few were immigrants from Ireland, and some were from the disbanded British military.

Maps of the area which still exist show the extent of land ownership by these families.

1895 Map- Henry Muggah had "Creek Lots" on Muggah Creek, North boundary Muggah St., South boundary Hankard St.

1898 Map- Ronald MacDonald ("the Klondikes") extensive lands near Lingan Road.

1900 Map- (approximate date) Gallivan family, South Bar area, shore line to South Bar Highway.

1901 Map- Lorway family (Capt. John), boundaries, North side of Ferris St. to South side of Jameson St. on West side of Victoria Road.

Also from "Hankard Road" (now Fisher St.) to Jameson St. on the East side of Victoria Road

And, from West St. to Lingan Road on the East side of Victoria Road.

1901 Map- Morrison family, North side of Taylor St. to City Boundary at Allan MacLeod's Hill on the East side of Victoria Road.

1911 Map- Fitzgerald family, (immigrants from Ireland to Lower River Inhabitants, then to Margaree, then to Sydney) brothers Frank and William Fitzgerald owned lands (about 200 acres) from the steel plant to Bay St. & Hankard St. both sides of sides of Victoria Road.

1911 Map- Burchell family, (James), Bay St. to Jameson St., East side of Victoria Rd.

1915 Map- Carling family, (James), Furnace St. to James St. on West side of Victoria Rd. (well known Carling's Field was near Don Bosco School).

1917 Map- A.M. Crofton, East side of Victoria Rd. to Lingan Rd. from St. Alban's St. to Water Tower Rd. (included Imperial Hall).

1937 Map- L.X. MacDonald, Brook St. to a fence line on Bay St., East side of Victoria Rd. (the fence line is the boundary to the Henry Muggah property

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Other families indicated on boundarie with no maps available: Capt. W.A. MacDonald, and Moseley family.

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THE SHACKS

Until the 1930's there were shacks behind the building which now houses Feder's Jewelry. These were 2-storey wooden buildings with a veranda railing on the upper level, designed to house single men who worked at the steel plant. (This of course included married men who did not have their wives or families with them)

The living quarters were simple; one-room with a bed, stove, table and chair.

Brody and Nathanson owned the shacks. If you have more information about these shacks- when were they built, by whom, etc., let us know.

Gallivan's shacks were located in the area of the Pier adjacent to the coke ovens.

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West Indian Merchants included Lem Brewster, a Tailor who had a shop on Victoria Road in the same building as the present Swan Lunch. Also, a man named Crawford who was a shoemaker.

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CHURCHES OF WHITNEY PIER

Adath Israel Congregation of Whitney Pier

The Hebrew congregation of Whitney built its first "Shul" or Synagogue on Mt. Pleasant St. in 1913.

Called Adath Israel Congregation, the Synagogue served the approximately 60 families who came to Whitney Pier from central and eastern Europe.

Most of these immigrants had an Orthodox religious background. They maintained as many traditional customs as possible, especially those related to kosher food.

Interior Features

The Orthodox background was evident in the interior design of the Synagogue: the Bimah (area where the Torah was read) was in the center of the building; a Mikvah (ritual bath) was located in the basement; and there was an upstairs gallery so that the women could sit separately.

The basement also served as the Hebrew School (Talmud Torah).

Exterior Features

The Synagogue was a two storey wood-frame building, with four large windows on each side. These lighted both the main floor and the gallery. Over the main door, at the north end of the building, was a circular window with a Star of David design.

Memorial Lights

An important community element of the Synagogue was the panel of memorial lights dedicated to deceased members of the community. The Whitney Pier Synagogue also housed the Memorial lights of the New Waterford community after that Synagogue closed in 1967.

Fire and Reconstruction

The original Whitney Pier Synagogue burned in 1960. Immediately, a committee was formed to rebuild it. Ephraim Feder, Hymie Moraff and Ephraim Newman served as the executive for the committee. The entire Jewish community of Whitney Pier assisted in raising money to build the new Synagogue. The "Daughters of Jacob" Aid Society played a major role in this activity.

The new Synagogue was built on the previous foundation, and the basement remains as it was originally. It is now a one-storey building similar to its predecessor.

Traditions Maintained

In addition to the Bimah, other standard elements of design give the traditional continuity that has been part of the Jewish faith over the centuries: the Menorah, the Ark containing the Torah, the tablets with the Ten Commandments and the Eternal Light.

Rabbis

The most recent rabbi to serve the congregation was Rabbi Lasher (1960-62). He succeed Rabbi Spiro (1940`s-1960). Following 1962, the services were conducted by a "Baal tphilah", a designated lay-person from the community who "leads the prayers".

Young Men's Hebrew Association

The Y.M.H.A. building was located next to the Synagogue on Mt. Pleasant St. It was larger than the Synagogue and was always active, serving both the Christian and Jewish Communities. In it there were meetings, banquets, wedding receptions, plays, debating competitions, concerts and other social events. The Y.M.H.A. building was also destroyed by fire in the 1960's. It was not rebuilt.

The Adath Israel Congregation closed in 1985 because of the Jewish population Whitney Pier became too small to support it.

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+Friends of Whitney Pier Historical Society- meeting Tue. Sept. 30.

+Polish History- display materials needed to commemorate 75th Anniversary of St. Mary's Polish Church, contact Jean White, 539-2389.

+Beaton Institute- at U.C.C.B., open to the public daily 9a.m.-4p.m.

+Samples of resources at the Beaton:
- video-ref. FT1(20)- Demonstration of Polish ethnic foodways, 30 min.
- audio tape T-881- Ukrainian food, feast days and holiday traditions.
- Record #505, Biography & Genealogy File- Experiences of early 20th century Italian immigrants to Sydney.

Reader Response- The Casino Theatre used to be called "Johnnie Kathar's nickle", because it cost a nickle to get in.

Point of Interest - Check your doorways at about eye level for a sign of the ancient Jewish symbol, the Mezuzah, a small metal container about 4 inches long. Inside was a tiny scroll with a hand inscribed prayer. Many Jewish families have one on the main doorway of their homes. Many homes in the Pier have a Mezuzah or remains of one, showing the large number of Jewish families once living there.

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Remember the Animals

Animals and pastures were a very important aspect of the life of Whitney Pier: These pastures or fields were located all over the Pier with more prominent ones around Henry St. and Ferris St. The fields could be fenced or the animals could be "staked" with a person watching them.

Besides the usual cow, other animal kept were hens, horses, an occasional goat and some pigeons. Obediah Hamm's ram was famous for frightening children.

The practice of keeping animals was ended - probably by a city ordinance - during the 1930's.

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PIER FIRE STATION

Fire has played a major part in the history of Whitney Pier. Many churches, homes and business suffered damage or destruction from fire. Fires were common because of the wood shingle roofs and stoves which used coal and wood for heat.

The Pier fire station was built in 1914 at the corner of Wesley St. and Victoria Road. William Devereaux was the original caretaker of the building.

FIREMEN

The first firemen at the new station were Sid Smith, John Neil MacDonald, William Taylor and Joe Robinson.

The crew manned the station 24 hours a day. Married men were allowed to go home for lunch and supper. Each man had one day a month off-duty.

Equipment

Although some motorized equipment was stored at the Pier station, not until 1928 did it receive it's first motorized ladder truck. That meant the end of an era and the two horses named Pete and Joe which until that time pulled the fire wagon.

Activities

The Pier station was the focal point for information in the community. The volunteer force of 10 or 12 members who aided the regular firemen would spend time talking and discussing the days events and the news of the area. It was also a favorite place to stop for a game of cards.

The Pier Fire station also had a jail with seven cells in the basement. Prisoners were housed overnight and then transferred to town in the 'Black Morija'- then, a Ford Model T.

PIER TIMES welcomes your comments.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL EDITOR

The publication of the PIER TIMES has been an enriching experience for the Beaton Institute and for me personally. The enthusiastic role of the Whitney Pier community in this project has been the most important ingredient of any success it has achieved. On behalf of the Beaton Institute, I thank all of you who have made suggestions for improved content, format or distribution.

I would like to name a few persons and groups to whom there is a special debt of gratitude: the PIER TIMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE whose names are listed below; the BUSINESSES of Whitney Pier who assisted in the distribution; the ADVERTISERS who have added that dimension of assistance and involvement in the publication; THELMA NOBREGA who collected the ads; DARCEY SKEETE who faithfully distributed PIER TIMES; LEBLANC PRINTING for printing and guidance; and the EDITOR of the PIER TIMES, BOB WALL who researched, compiled, edited, met deadlines and received comments and criticisms.

Finally, I thank the Community of Whitney Pier for the opportunity to carry out this project, and wish you every success as you continue to recognize your heritage.

Elizabeth Beaton-Planetta,
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BENEFIT...BENEVOLENT...or

MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES

Benefit Societies were established in the industrial area of Cape Breton early in the century. Many of them still function.

Origin and Purpose

It is believed that benefit societies such as those in Cape Breton began in Europe as craft guilds or in some cases as secret societies. Their purpose was to provide some security for working men and their families i case of illness, accident or a layoff. They would also assist with burial costs.

Function

Benefit Societies were usually a cooperative effort, supported by regular dues of the members and by fund raising functions like dances and concerts.

As the situation of workers improved with unemployment insurance, workman's compensation and other social services, the role of benefit societies changed. But the role of providing solidarity of a particular group remained.

Features

The benefit society usually had a hall or meeting place where people of similar interests could meet and feel comfortable. Sometimes, but not always, the members shared the same religious or political beliefs.

Each society had distinctive badges, banners and sashes. Some had special hats. Perhaps readers have seen pictures of these groups.

For new immigrants, a benefit society had a particularly important place in their lives. They provided an opportunity for a particular group of people to speak their own language, share their traditional customs as a community, and feel secure in the face of a new situation which often discriminated against them.

Benefit Societies - Whitney Pier

A number of benefit societies were established in Whitney Pier, an obvious result of the influx of immigrants in the twentieth century, and also because the steel plant has been the major single industry. The "St. Michael's Benefit Society" was started in 1909 by the Polish Community. Its first hall was on Wesley Street.

In the early years of St. Michael's Scoiety, there were some Ukrainian members as well, but the Ukrainian community soon established its own organization, the "Brotherhood of the Holy Ghost". Both of these organizations were very active in building ethnic churches in their respective communities.

Within the Ukrainian community as well, was the Ukrainian Workers Benevolent Society. This was part of the Ukrainian Labour Temple Movement, which started in Western Canada as a farmers' organization, but in the 1920's began to include industrial workers. The organization was begun i Sydney by Ukrainians who came from Western Canada looking for work. Their first meeting place was on Victoria Road in the Myers Building and later it met on Mt. Pleasant Street.

Also early in the century, the Jewish women established a mutual aid society, the "Daughters of Jacob" which assisted new immigrants and played an active role in the building of the new Synagogue.

The Italian ethnic community had a fraternal society, the "St. Rita Society". It started in Glace Bay in 1908. but it is uncertain whether Italians who lived in Whitney Pier were members of this group.

Other churches and ethnic groups ha organizations which did not have the name benefit society, but which serve the same functions. One was the Universal Negro Improvement Association, a West Indian/American based organization started in Whitney Pier and other parts of Industrial Cape Breton in the early 1920'

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St. George's Russian Orthodox Church

St George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

The small white wooden building on Breton Street, which is now a senior citizens' social club was an Eastern Orthodox Church during two periods. The rounded altar area typical of Eastern Churches can still be observed from the exterior. Some residents of Whitney Pier can remember the domes which ornamented the roof. Between 1916 and 1923, the building was St. George's Russian Orthodox Church. And, between 1936 and about 1952, it was St. George's Ukrainian Church.

Many of the Ukrainians who attended this church were from Bukovyna. Greek immigrants also attended this church before they established their own Orthodox Church in Glace Bay.

Founding

In 1916, Alexander Nemolovsky, Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in Canada visited Halifax. He observed that there were some 500 Russians in Sydney (some of these must have been ethnic Ukrainians). As a result of his trip Rev. John Tirtichny was sent to Sydney to start the Russian Orthodox Church here. He stayed for about two years. Some parishioners during this period may have been Ukrainian prisoners incarcerated in World War I. Rev. Karp Bodnarchuk served the parish from 1918 to 1920, and a Rev. Dutko may have served in the early 1920's.

It is generally believed that St. George's closed in 1923 and its congregation returned to Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church.

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Re-opening

The second beginning was the result of a complicated set of religious, political and financial problems. These problems divided the members of Holy Ghost parish and about half left and went to the church on Breton Street which they named St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Priests

Six priests served St. George's Orthodox parish between 1936 and 1952: Fr. Joseph Yaletchko; Fr. Foristij; Fr. George Tsukornyk; Fr. Kaluhki; Fr. Moosey: and Fr. Radchuk.

The last, Fr. Radchuk, was quite active, organizing popular functions such as concerts. He served for several years in the late 1940's and returned in the early 50's. There was no replacement for him in the interim, and when he returned, he found most of his parishioners had gone to Holy Ghost Church. With that St. George's closed its doors for the last time.

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City of Sydney
ANNUAL REPORTS
Civic Year ending December 31, 1904

Expenditures:

EASTMOUNT SCHOOL

Insurance on School House.....	$ 70.00
A. Cameron, carpenter work....	6.26
Hugh MacLellan, truck coal....	9.60
Dominion Coal, bill coal.....	110.50
Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., bill, chairs, table, 1 shade	22.00
Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., bill, desks and shades.....	22.00
A.C. MacDonald & Co. bill. glass, putty and glazing.....	12.22
Charles E. Lawson, bill cleaning school outhouse.....	2.00
C.P. Moore, bill supplies.....	1.00
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Newman's Hardware - was originally a 3 story building on Robert Street. It was built as a boarding house for men working at the Steel Plant. The house was dragged up over Robert St. by a team of horses to its present location on Victoria Rd. Then it became Nathan "Cohen's Grocery". Fires over the years have taken much of the original building.

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REMEMBER - Dunn's Liniment and Salve, made on Bay St. Light and Dark Salve for Arthritis and Rheumatism. "I don't know if it helped those things but it sure didn't keep flies away," said one former user of the substance.

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Do you remember????? - Insulite Houses An innovative development in which slag from the steel plant was used to make panels for houses. There are a number of these houses in the pier. Can you name them??????

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Points of Interest - The stone wall on rear Laurier Street was part of the foundation of the original Fitzgerald House. The house was moved from that spot and because it was so large, it was cut in two and the parts were placed between the houses belonging to William and Frank Fitzgerald. The foundation was later filled in but is still visible.

Square Buildings??? - Notice that many of the buildings on Victoria Road are not square. They were apparently built to conform to the angle at which the cross streets met Victoria Road. They are unusual, but must have been a carpenter's nightmare to build.

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CEMETERIES

Christian - The are three Christian cemeteries: The Catholic graveyards on Brook Street and Lingan road; The Protestant cemetery is on Eastmount Street across from the S.P.C.A. A walk through these graveyards is a moving summary of the immigration and settlement of Whitney Pier. Names of some early settlers are written in the Cyrillic alphabet.

Hebrew - The Hebrew cemetery located at the top of Lingan Road has headstones carved with both Hebrew and English inscriptions. Ephraim Feder, a leader of the early Jewish community, traced the Hebrew letters on the stones with carbon paper to guide the carvers.

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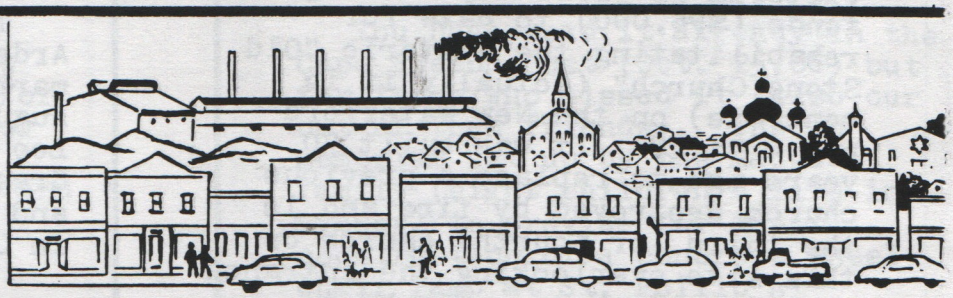

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Whitney Pier Historical Society, I wish to extend sincere thanks to the Beaton Institute, Elizabeth Beaton-Planetta, Bob Wall, and thats all for names because someone gets missed.

Work has been put into the publication of the Pier Times and our Society will endeavor to keep up the aims and objectives as set out in the first issue on June 1st, 1986. Those aims are -

1. To develop within the community an awareness of its Historical and Cultural significance.

2. To further the aims of the Beaton Institute in its research, and,

3. To challenge the members of the community to explore their culture and history further.

Working in and with the cooperation of The Beaton Institute of the University College of Cape Breton, and of course the good people of Whitney Pier, and those Friends of the Pier, the PIER TIES will be dedicated to the History, Heritage and Culture of the Pier and its people.

Your involvement and participation is encouraged and welcomed.

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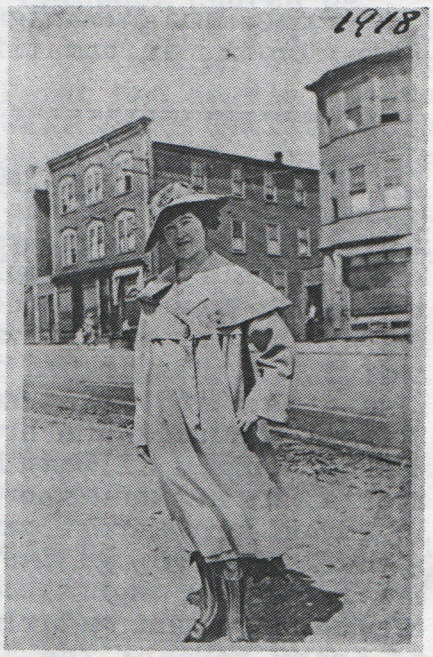
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any organization concerned with the History or Culture of Whitney Pier is welcome to use PIER TIES to announce its meetings or functions.



Would appreciate contributions (or loan) of Whitney Pier related Photos - for future issues.
The fashionable lady standing in front of where Fitzgeralds house i now, is at the end of the over-pas On the right is the Royal Oak Hote The big building on the left - (since destroyed by fire - when?) Had Simon Davids Grocery Store, and I'm told the D'Intino family lived on the 3rd floor. Davis Chiasson opened one of the first taverns in the Pier in that building. Tom Cozzolino was the builder of the Hotel. (Stone or cement?) Would appreciate any further information. And next issue I'll tell you who that lady is.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AMETA STEPHENS, P.O. Box 159, Baddeck, C.B. has sent along a donation to cover mailing costs or her issue of the PIER TIES. Thanks for your concern and support Ameta.

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH at New Victoria is presently raising funds ($76,000) to date for rehabilitating the Historic "Old Stone Church" (actually it is concrete) on the New Waterford hwy - Rt.28. It was built 70 years ago to replace a previous church destroyed by fire and is the third (or fourth) church on this site overlooking the entrance to Sydney Harbour. Thanks to Club Pres. and Campaign Manager, John Aucoin for the information.

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THE BILL DAYE COLLECTION of oil paintings are still on display at the Whitney Pier Credit Union. This unique collection, on loan from the College of Cape Breton is history on canvas with several of the scenes in Whitney Pier. One of Gillis Market horse team in front of Gallivans house on the corner of East Broadway and Victoria Rd; another shows Phillips Forge just across the street; the MacLean Hotel nearby, and the water wagon (horse drawn of course); the watering trough at Ashby corner; the "Irving Beach" that grounded off New Waterford on Nov. 1, 1967. Not of the Pier, but of interest is a brick house over on Brookland St., and one of the Dominion Coal Co. Coal Yard at Glace Bay (Hub). Fifteen paintings are on display, painted over the years by Mr. Daye who died on Aug. 25, 1985 at the age of 86.

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SEPT.28,1947: PIER YOUTH LOSES TWO YEAR FIGHT FOR LIFE

Francis Jockemeck, 19, died in Glace Bay General Hospital today, ending a futile struggle for recovery that embraced over two years. Severely burned at the Steel Plant in 1945, he spent seven months in the Montreal General Hospital. His mother died while he was a patient in Montreal, and he is survived by his father Alonzo, four sisters, Annie, Sophie, Mary and Theresa.

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

To Marian and Julia (Gniewek) Ardelli, Brook St. They were married at St. Mary's Polish Church August 25, 1936 by the late Rev. Leo O'Connell. They have two sons, Gregory, Sydney; Stanley, Vancouver; and a daughter Leona (Whitburn) in Calgary, Also five grandchildren

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ROY MacLEOD ran MacLeod's Grocery Store at the bottom of Catherine St. for more years than I know (do you ?) He lived at South Bar for a spell then moved to Baddeck to operate yet another Grocery Business. Retired now, he and his wife Annie (MacFadyen) recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Best regards to you both. Annie, did your mother (Christine Jackson) operate a ladies hat store somewhere on Victoria Rd. at the Pier? Would appreciate hearing from you or anyone who has any information on a millinery store at the Pier.

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"RADIO MacDONALD"

First Sailor Paratrooper

Chief Petty Officer R.J. (Radio) MacDonald of H.M.C.S. Magnificent, received his wings as a paratrooper of the Canadian Army. He is the first man in the R.C.N. to become a paratrooper. Born in Sydney, Whitney Pier, he is a son of Capt. and Mrs. Steve E. MacDonald, James St., and has served with the R.C.N. since 1939, and before that time was with the Merchant Marine. His home is in Shearwater. (He died July 11,1984 in Halifax).
Post Record CIRA 1950 - no date on picture or clipping.

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THANK YOU - To all those folks and firms who showed their support in past editions.

THE WHITNEY PIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Also called "Friends of The Pier" is open for membership to all persons who were and/or are residents of Whitney Pier and/or interested in the preservation of the history and culture of Whitney Pier.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE

a. To preserve and restore historical items, including landmarks in and around Whitney Pier, Sydney, N.S.
b. The placing of appropriate markers of historical interest in and around Whitney Pier
c. To publish information on places of Historical interest in order to arouse public enthusiam in Whitney Pier's past.

MEETINGS are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 at the James St. portables, where the Holy Redeemer Convent was located.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS are $5.00 per year

POT LUCK SUPPER MEETING

For so many years we have been meeting our Pier friends at wakes and weddings - mostly wakes - no disrespect to our local Funeral Directors, Leo and Wayne - who by the way have strong Pier Ties, but it would be nice to see you at our next meeting at the James St. portables - tentative plans are for a pot luck supper combined with a brief (very brief) Society meeting in December.

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DEC. 30,1947:PIER A.C.2 - SHIPYARDS 1.

PIER LINEUP: Rod McMullin, Jim MacDonald, Angus Mombourquette, Vernon Best, Ray (Gobbie) MacIsaac, Ted Fowler, Ted Paruch, Rich Ludyka, Ray Ryan, Cyril Hunt, Mick Drohan, Sandy and Owen MacPherson, Emmett O'Callaghan, Lum Putt, Wilbur Green. (Arky Calton was Manager)

ACT OF LOVE - WORTH REPEATING

You have read it already in the Cape Breton Post (Oct. 25,86) but for those who missed it (also our out of town friends). The in memoriam set up by the Madore family (eight children - five in Sydney) to provide for the construction of a concrete wheel-chair ramp at St. Philip's African Orthodox Church on Hankard St., is not only an act of love, but caring, and a lot more. Peter and Angela Madore were a well known Italian couple who lived across the street from St. Philip's, their house presently is the church rectory where the Rev. Vincent Waterman and his wife Isobel (Francis) live with their family

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APRIL 6th, 1948:
PIER BALL FIELD OPENED

On hand for first sod turning by Mayor Jack MacLean, was Earl MacLeod, Oscar Seale, Dick Fogarty, Allan MacAskill, Pat Gallivan, Mickey Gillis, Len Arthur, Alex MacDonald, Flick Hartigan, Murray Matherson, Fred Tomie, B. Tulle, Nat Gallivan, Archie Nathanson and Deputy Mayor Tony Gallagher, Club President. The club owned tract of land is on Dominion St., directly opposite the old Dominion Park. Between Catherine St. and St. Albans Ave., on the east side of Victoria Rd.

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PIER TIES welcomes your comments, i you have more information, and item(s) of interest (especially photographs) and criticism or Comment, and corrections, suggestio ideas - contact the Editor:
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FUTURE ISSUES : NICKNAMES - PIER FAMILIES - GOVERNMENT WHARF - ORIGINAL PIER TIMES - CO-OP HOUSING GROUP.

CHURCH TOUR

On Sat. Oct. 24th members of The Old Sydney Society in conjunction with members of the Whitney Pier Historical Society made a tour of four churches in Whitney Pier. Churches visited were St. Philip's African Orthodox Church, Hankard St.; The Ukrainian Church of Holy Ghost Parish, West St.; St. Mary's Polish Church, Westly St.; and the Trinity United Church on Victoria Rd. The last visit of the afternoon was to Bernie's Bakery on Meadow St, where proprietor Bernie Kokoska and his staff treated the group to refreshments fresh from the oven. An informative and delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to all involved.

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OUT OF TOWN READERS who were not fortunate enough to be born or brought up in Whitney Pier, but who would still like to support our Society, may do so under the umbrella of being "A Friend of The Pier". Your support is welcomed and appreciated. Membership application in this issue.

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MAILERS: For you considerate folks who mail this paper to out of town, away from home Whitney Pierites in Canada and the U.S.A. (check with your P.O. for overseas rates), sufficient space has been allowed on page 4 to properly address your PIER TIES to them. Kinda gives us an opportunity to get some exposure.

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OBITUARIES

In an effort to keep out of town readers informed on recent deaths in Whitney Pier, it is our intentio to publish the bare essentials because of limited space. Any obituaries I might miss will be printed in the next issue. Would appreciate your call to keep our recordings accurate and up to dat. Thank you.

* Indicates Society Member -	Di d
Martine Mroz , 63	8_1
Aletha (O'Day)Young ,56	8/1
Francis (Laddie)Moore,63	8 2
Neil Black , 77	9 1
Wilfred (Bob)Wells, 73	9/1
Roy A. Weatherbee, 68	9/7
Evelyn (Keough)Murphy,65	9 9
Donald MacDonald C.L.C.Otta.77,	10/2
Stephen (Blackie) Keller,62	9/2
W.E. (Buddy) Jackson, 65	10 1
Henry Trew , 83	9_2
Marion Trew ,80	9/3
John Marenick, 70	10 1
Stanley (Tarpaper)Pitchuk, 72	10 4
Donald J.(Maggie)Ferguson,72	10/6
Ronald Philpott, 52	10/8
Rev.Emidio J.D'Intino ,76	10 8
Pearl (Smith)Jones ,84	10_2
*Neville Gibson, 77	10/2
Alex Mombourquette, 56	10 2
Fay Eisenstein , 77	10_2
Cy McLean, 70, Toronto	11/1

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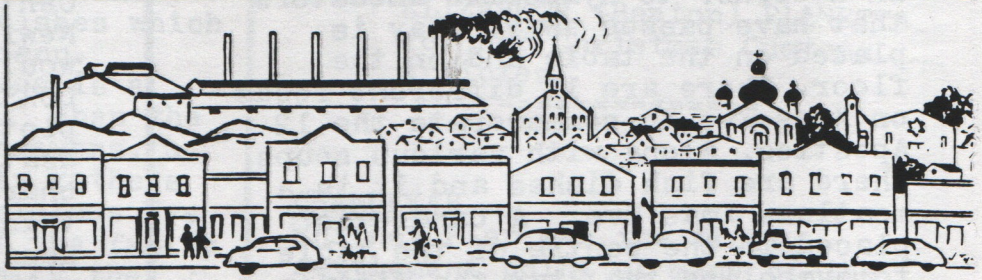

MERRY XMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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BECЙЛЙ СВЛТ

Lots of controversy over the 1918 picture in our Nov. issue of Pier Ties. Thats Jimmy DeLorenzo's building on the right,which was destroyed by fire on Dec.31, 1956,and the Royal Oak Hotel on the left. Interesting to note that the "Hotel" number was 574 - Feders Jewellery Store No. was 576, Quirk's was 576½.

The lady in the picture is Blanche (MacLaine) Evans, who lived in the house behind Fitzgeralds (still there) and worked at the drug store (Mansons) on the corner of Henry & Victoria Rd., across from the Royal Bank.

CULTURE SHOW - UNITED MISSION HALL , Whitney Pier.

On Saturday Nov. 22nd, it was standir room only as a Culture Show was presented by an energetic, well groomed group of young people from Highschools in the Halifax area, Nort Preston and Cole Harbour, and entertained with a variety of skits, raps, and Gospel groups which were thoroughly enjoyed by the hand clappi (to keep the beat) crowd.
The event was sponsored by the Black Cultural Centre, Cultural Awareness Youth Group and United Mission Hall. Special thanks to Lemuel Skeet and Ingrid Shannon.

M.C. Lorne Izzard did a fine job, considering the circumstances (lack c room) and he closed the program with a challenge to the young people of Whitney Pier to get involved in the Cultural Awarness Program "Get a performing group together, and come t North Preston to Strut Your Stuff,"wa his invitation .
The evening rounded out with a dance featuring the latest in funk, rap, disco with DJ's Master Herb and Tony B

The Cultural Awareness Youth Group is supported by The Dept. of Secretary of State and various Community Organizations.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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Norma(MacKay)Lysecki, Sudbury, Ont.
John MacLennan , Sydney, N.S.
Mrs. Cassie French, R.R.#2,Kilworthy
Mack & Rosie Campbell, Whitney Pier

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS

Sheaves of rye or wheat are placed in a corner to symbolize ancestors that have passed away. Hay is placed on the table and on the floor. There are 12 different foods on Xmas Eve to commemorate the 12 Apostles. Along with various soups there are fish dishes and it is a meatless Xmas Eve. A candle is placed in the centre of the table to symbolize the Star the Wisemen followed, as well,a star is carried by Carolers as they go from home to home on Xmas Eve and Xmas Day. The Divine Liturgy (Mass) is celebrated on Xmas Eve at 10 PM. Old Xmas is celebrated 13 days later than the traditional Dec. 25 date because a mistake in astronomy was made in the days of Caesar, which amounted to 10 mins.14 sec. less a year.
Most Ukrainian families in Whitney Pier now celebrate the traditional Dec.25 Xmas to coincide with holidays and time off from work and school.

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TRADITIONS

Some of the other Ethnic Groups in Whitney Pier today celebrate Christmas very similar to the English Tradition. In talking to a few older Italian and Lebanese folks it seems that much of their customs and indeed their culture and heritage are slowly ebbing away.

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THE OPENING OF THE PIER OVERPASS
November 23rd, 1964

SANDRA BEST was crowned "Queen of the Overpass" by Mayor Russell Urquhart at the Ukranian Hall. Dawn Hagell was the winner of an essay contest in which she wished her father (Bob) could be the first to cross the overpass. They all rode in the Mayors car to fulfill the wish.

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BEST WISHES

On behalf of the Membership of the Whitney Pier Historical Society, I would like to extend Best Wishes for A Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year. Editor

MUMMERS or MUMMING

- This custom started in Europe in the early 17th Century, and in the case of the Newfoundlanders in Whitney Pier, it would have come from the DEVON and DORSET British tradition. The central plots of these plays were usually death and resurrection. There would characters dressed up to signify the things, but the modern Mummering la usually dealt with local jokes and politics, and there was lots of food and drink and laughter involved a they went from house to house. This period lasted 12 days, and the house parties did not stop at midnight, they went to the early morning hours and a different house every night.

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50th ANNIVERSARY WISHES GO OUT TO HOWARD AND MARY (LOGUE) FARRELL WHO WERE MARRIED BACK ON NOVEMBER 27, 1936.

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NICKNAMES

"They stick to people and the more ridiculous are the most adhesive" - Thomas Haliburton.

I'd wager there is no area in size or population that has more nicknames than the Whitney Pier district of Sydney. A printing of the ones I have gathered so far would fill all four pages of this paper, and still there are more. See if you can match up these before going to the last page for the answers. Ed.

1."Speedy"Babineau
2."Curley"Doucette
3."Shaker"Fraser
4."Cod" Dawson
5."Slim"MacVicar
6."Goldie(Walsh)Carroll
7."Skipper" LeDrew
8."Bozo" Manley
9."Books"(MacDonald)MacDougall
10."Campy" Crawford

A. Stephen - B. Henry - C. William
D. Charles - E. Bernard-F. Ian
G. Lorna - H. Lawrence-I. Mary
J. Carl

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POLISH CHRISTMAS

For Polish Families, the days leading up to Christmas are busy, especially in the preparation of the dishes which are traditional for the season. Christmas Eve in Polish homes is a particularly poignant time. When the first star appears in the heavens, a candle is lit and the family gathers round the table for the Christmas Eve meal. Beneath the cloth of the family table is some straw to signify the humble beginnings of Christ The King. The meal begins with "Oplatek" or the breaking and sharing of bread by the head of the household who gives prayers for the health and future of the family. The meal consists of 12 meatless dishes, including mushrooms, fish, vegetables, pierogi, breads and cakes made with poppy seed fillings. An extra place is set for an unexpected guest or loved one far away.

Midnight Mass at the Polish Church begins with the procession of the angles to the Nativity Scene by the young children. After mass, meat dishes can be eaten and so begins the round of visiting that goes throughout the Holiday Season.

In the past, in Whitney Pier, the "Oplatek" was often taken out to the barn to share with the animals to ensure their continued health. Another Polish Christmas Season Tradition of the past times in Whitney Pier was a Puppet Show (Szopka) depicting the story of Christmas through characterizations of King Herod, The Angels, Death and the Devil, etc. The show was usually put on by the young men of the Parish who went from house to house and were given refreshments in each home.

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GAELIC SERVICES Were occasionally held in the late 1930's at Trinity United Church on Victoria Rd. at 3 O'clock in the afternoon. The Precentor was Mr. D.W. MacDonald with the assistance of singers from Mira and Catalone. Services were conducted by Rev. D.M. Sinclair.

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FIRST SAILOR PARATROOPER

"Radio" MacDonald (Nov.Issue), should have given his christened name - it is Redmond.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU to -

ELIZABETH (Beaton) PLANETTA for her Christmas Customs articles.

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CHANUKKAH

Whitney Pier was the first settlement point of many of the Jewish families who came to Cape Breton during the first part of the Twentieth Century. For them, "Chanukkah" or "The Festival of Lights" was one of the important traditional feasts of the November-December months. "Chanukkah" is celebrated for eight days and represents the Historic recapture of the Temple on Jerusalem by the Jewish in the year 165 B.C. The feast is based upon a legendary miracle in which the Eternal Light of the Temple continued to burn in the Temple for eight days after the capture, although there seemed to be only enough oil for one day. The principal source for the story is found in the Talmud. The Jewish families of Whitney Pier, like Jewish families around the world, celebrate this feast by the lighting of the 8-branched "Menorah" or candelabrum from the "Shamash" or "Minister" Candle. On the first evening of Chanukkah, one candle or oil wick is lit on the extreme right of the Menorah. On each successive night another candle is added. During the lighting of the candles, a traditional song, "Maoztzur" (Rock of Ages) is sung. Another custom which is particularly popular with Jewish children at this time is the spinning of the "Draedl" or four-sided top on which is inscribed the symbolic writing meaning "A Great Miracle Happened Here". In North America, the Jewish Feast of Chanukkah coincides with the Christian Feast of Christmas, but you may notice that the candles in Jewish homes are the eight-light "Menorah".

The Jewish families of Whitney Pier have celebrated "Chanukkah" with children's concerts which consisted of plays and singing and recitations. In the past, these took place at the Young Men's Hebrew Association Hall on Mt. Pleasant St.

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CANADA'S BLACK BATTALION #2 CONST. 1916 - 1920.

Former Whitney Pier resident presently residing in Halifax, author CALVIN RUCK first heard of the Black Battalion when he went to Hfx. in 1945, he became aware of men from Whitney Pier who served in this unknown to him Battalion. It was a "story that he had to tell".
Six hundred men formed the Black Battalion. They came from all parts of Canada and the U.S.A., and a few from the Caribbean. These men never saw action, they were not recruited to. They went to France to cut down trees and mill lumber for trenches, roads and railroads. It was not glorious work, but author Ruck says it gave Canada's blackman an opportunity to claim their place in their countries history.

Publisher - Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of -

Francis(Smitch)MacDougall	62	10/19/86
Mary(Baryluk)Lahanky	71	11/12/86
Mary(Simms)Kingsbury	94	11/12/86
Ruth(MacGillivary)Luckie	53	11/ 5/86
Stephen Domanski	61	11/18/86
Rebecca(Neil)Manning	72	11/19/86
Catherine(Gillis)MacInnis	80	11/22/86
Rita(Baker)Hochuli	88	11/25/86
Mrs.Concetta DiCesare	83	12/ 2/86
Maurice J.Putt, Ont.	61	12/ 4/86

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Feb. 17, 1911 - Sydney Daily Post

"Mars Talking to the Earth"
Strange messages from an unknown source have been received at wireless stations. Similar signals were received some years ago. Operators are puzzled as to where the messages came from.

A few other mentionables:Same Year - Headlines.
"Cape Breton has worst train service in Eastern Canada"
"Joseph Oram - Killed by locomotive at Steel Plant"
"110 Rumdives in Sydney - Rev. Dr. Pringle probes the Cities vilest leopard spots"

MOVED TO ST. LAMBERT, QUEBEC.

Friends of Davis & Mary Chaisson who lived for many years on James St. extend Best Regards to the popular couple on their move. Dave opened one of Whitney Pier's first taverns in the DeLorenzo Bldg. which burnt down on Dec. 31,1956.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any organization concerned with the History or Culture of Whitney Pier is welcome to use PIER TIES to announce its meetings or functions.

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PIER TIES welcomes your comments, if you have more information, and item(s) of interest (especially photographs) and criticism or comment, and corrections, suggestions or ideas, contact the Editor:
Leo Evans - 564-8012
R.R.#1, Site 23, Box 12, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6G3

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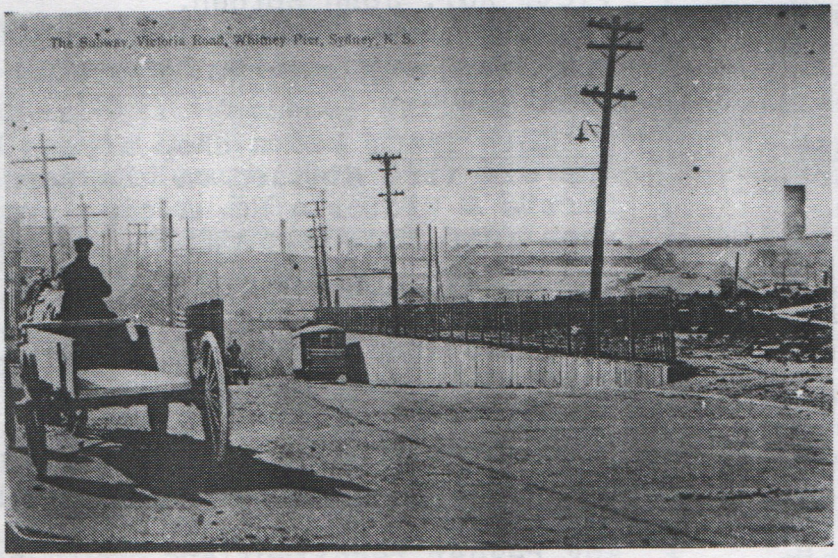

"THE SUBWAY"
The three railroad crossings on Victoria Rd. called "MacQuarries Crossing" (Two Steel Co. and one Sydney & Louisburg Railway) were the scenes of many accidents, some fatal, which prompted the building of the "Subway". Dates, even the year of construction has to be one of the best kept secrets of the Century - Early 1912 seems to be as near as we can come. Who was the woman, (and when) that set out from Broadway in horse and wagon for downtown Sydney, only to be killed by a train at the crossing. Ironically this picture-post card was found in a bookstore in Portugal, by Charles Graham of Glace Bay a few years ago, and was given to the Beaton Institute along with several other Whitney Pier related pictures which will be presented in future issues of the "Pier Ties".
Do you have any Subway information - Be glad to hear from you by mail or phone.

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JANUARY 12, 1937
Playing at the Casino Theatre "The Dark Angle", starring Frederick March and Herbert Marshall.

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SWAMPS AND PONDS

At one time you could skate from Catherine St. right on down to lower Ward 5, on a series of swa and ponds. Ottawa may have its Rideau Canal, but none so unique the Pier could offer such a jour almost as if through many countr

PONDS: Remember Walkers Pond on Columbus Ave? and Brewers right alongside, with Gillis just belo on Church St. Nunn's Pond betwee St. Alban's Ave. and Columbus Av Phillips on East Broadway. The L Pond below St. Anns St. on Shore Murphy's Pond on Connaught St. Ardelli's Pond behind the old Polish Hall on Wesley St.

Did I miss or forget your Pond o Swamp. Give me a call at 564-801 and it will be in the next issue.

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PIER RINKS

Two outdoor rinks served the Whitney Pier area and also turned out many fine skaters. Next time you are skating check it out, how many are from the Pier area.
Rev. Mickey Malcolm MacDonald was responsible for the rink in back Holy Redeemer Convent, and his lo for tennis encouraged volunteers turn the rink into a tennis court the summer months. Eastmount Rin near the school on Henry St. was other rink. Many's the hockey war were played there. Next time you in Centre 200, or Dominion Rink c Coxheath, look for skaters from t Pier. There are lots of them and leading the pack most likely will Mike Bates, who is not too far fr his octogenarian mark.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO: HARRY & PEGGY (FRENCH) BURT and FAMILY for their display of lights at their home on 157 Brook St. Ext. They were most noticeable as you came on the overpass on your way to the Pier. Thousands of light lookers drove up to view the display and in turn were treated to a view of overall Sydney which is unsurpassed unless you go over to East Broadway near the S.P.C.A. shelter. That view takes in everything from Sydney River to Cape Smokey. The Canada Games visitors will have no trouble picking out the Burt home which by the way is listed as being in the City's Ward 1V (Ashby).

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WANTED One Antique Cranberry Glass EPEARN. An EPEARN is a large centre-piece traditionally placed on the dining-room table and often shaped with fluted glass lilies surrounding a bowl. Sweets were put in the bowl, and flowers in the vases. Contact Laurier and/or Betty (Alexander) Wells. Phone - 562-2793.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

With the holidays behind us, its down to the serious business of investigating the Heritage and Culture of this truly unique area of Cape Breton called Whitney Pier. The Whitney Pier Historical Society has a new Executive just raring to go. Ron DiPenta, Pres; Margie(Campbell)Roberts,V.P.; Duncan MacKay,Secty.; Monica Broomes,Treas. Meetings are held at 7 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month, at the warm and comfortable James St.Portables. Watch the local media for announcements of special speakers and attractions. Membership fee is $5.00 a year. Bring along a friend.

Funding has been obtained through the office of the Secretary of State,and plans include publication of the "PIER TIES" until November 1987. Your contribution of pictures or articles is encouraged and welcomed.

Leo Evans,Editor-564-8012

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PIER TRAM SERVICE ENDS, OCT.14,1931

At midnight Tram Car Service to Whitney Pier will end after more than 30 years of operation. Ford buses have replaced the Tram Cars, which will continue to operate on the Sydney - Glace Bay run for a while. A depot will be established later at the Townsend St. car barns.

From Pam Newton's"C.B. Book of Days"

MacISAAC'S BARBER SHOP - 780 Vict. Rd

The building was built in 1901 by a Mr. Moore, who operated a barber shop. Jack MacKinnon worked with Mr. Moore there until 1916. Owner of the building from 1916 to 1979 by the way was Dave Epstine. Looking fo information on when Jack MacKinnon opened his shop at the corner of Dominion St. and Vict. Rd.

Other barbers who worked with Dan MacIsaac were Jim Terriro, Sid Spracklin and the present owner o 7 Vict. Rd., John Borden.
"I still have Louie Gallins shaving mug" says John - also had Nate Nathensons.

CHARLIE TRACY had a shop across from the old fire station on the corne o Ferris & Victoria Rd. A sign over hi shop read "BOSTON BARBER".

TED PERRY barbered for 37 years. He started out with VINCE PRESUTTI in the same shop in 1949. The shop was located in the Atlantic Hotel. "Everyone had a shaving mug with their name on it".

EDDY JOSEPH was located across the street.

Any reader recollections would be appreciated. Call the Editor,564-801

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1929 EARTHQUAKE:

On Monday, Nov. 18th, 1929 the effects of an earthquake which occurred south of Newfoundland was felt throughout Nova Scotia.

"I remember it well because it wa birthday" recalls a Laurier St. resident. "I was in the coal box filling the scuttle when I felt the box moving - I didn't take long getting out of there, I'll tell you"

Do you have any recollections of that late afternoon quake or the after shocks in Dec. throught to Feb. 1930? Allan Ruffman of 5112 Prince St., Box 41, Stn. M. Halifax N.S. B3J2L4 is doing a research project on the felt effects of th t 29 quake, and he would appreciate hearing from you - so would your PIER TIES Editor.

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"PIER TALK"

"Our visitors were amazed that we could stand on our back door step and see four churches of various denominations."

SYDNEY's POLISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION has received a $1,275 grant from the Dept. of the Secretary of State to supplement its own contribution toward the establishment of a Polish language school. Association spokesman Frank Starzomski notes that changes in family and working conditions, and the strong influence of T.V. in the home, makes it difficult to keep a second language alive without the kind of educational effort being attempted. St. Mary's Polish Parish has made its church hall available for classroom space.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Charlotte (MacLeod) Marlow; Milford,N.S.
Gerald (Jud)Scott; (J.A.Young Insurance)
"Rusty" Keough; Box 812, Sydney,N.S.
Louis Kyte; R.R.1, Bras d'Or.
Wilbert R.MacLennan; Alberta.
Sophie(Paruch)&Jim Walsh; Westmount.
Michael & Annie (O'Riley)O'Neill;Syd.R.
Catherine(Clarke)Parry; St.John's,Nfld.
Howard Libbey; Mira Rd.
Mrs. Lil (Carl) Neville
Alan Ruffman; Halifax.
Eric Mercer; Sydney

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JANUARY 12, 1937

Children of St. Mary's Polish Church present their annual children's concert. The first play "The Sheppards Dream" was enacted with artistic ability by the cast. The personnel of which included LOUISE KOLEC, MARY WLUDYKA, ROSE MELSKI, ELSIE SIWAK, MARY WROBLEWSKI, STANLEY DURKACZ, DOMINIC GNIEWEK, CHESTER BOREK. The second play "The Angles Song" had the following cast. JANICE PARUCK, THERESA GNIEWEK, AGNES ARDELLI, THERESA SIWAK, JOSEPH AZARKIEWIZ, ALEX KEIC, ANTHONY SWIAK.
Conveners for this successful program were - Miss Jeanie Keic, Organist; Mary Miecanik; Dorothy Kokoska; and Mr. Joseph Miecanik, Stage Manager.

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February 2, 1947

Thomas "Tommy" O'Neill - 10, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom O'Neill and Aubrey Jessome 10, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Jessome, both of Dominion St., Whitney Pier, drowned on this date while skating near the International Coal Piers

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January 1,1927.

Sydney Walsh was Sydney's first New Years baby. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Walsh, St. Albans Ave., Whitney

DUNN'S LINIMENT & SALVE

Had a nice letter from Philip Dunn grandson Frank (plumber) 150 Frenc St., who tells us that his grand-fathers products were not only sol locally, but as far west as B.C., and as far east as China & Japan. They were patented under the medicine act and were held in high esteem by their many users. Its trade mark was a steel rail. Dunn's Healing Salve (light) was listed t be used for falling hair, ringworm, chaffing and dandruff.

Frank backs up his grandfathers guarantee - if not satisfied, anyon out there who wish a refund, return the unused portion to him and he wi personally refund the full purchase price - as Philip would have done

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NICKNAMES - Apologies to music man Donald Laurens "Skipper" LeDrew,87 G St., for the wrong spelling in last month "Ties". Test your "Nickname Sk on these 10 before peeking at the answers on pg.4.

1. "Thunder"Campbell
2. "Gramps"Kiley
3. "Shang"Masor
4. "Bucky"Sampson
5. "Jeep"Andrews
6. "Hoot"Jamesio
7. "Sonny"Gibson
8. "Gig" Young
9. "Junior"Desmo
10. "Pete"Timmons

A. Conrad
B. Allan
C. Lawrence
I. Gordon
E. Frank
F. Rudy
G. Walter
H. William
I. William E.
J. Albert

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HAPPY 50th TO:

DOUGIE & ALICE (MacIsaac) MacCORMACK 114 Dominion St. who were married on January 26,1937 at Holy Redeemer Chu Patrick Forgarty was best man and Marcella MacCormack (sister of the groom) was bridesmaid - Organist was Mrs. C. LeBlanc. Family count-6boys four girls and 25 grandchildren.

ALSO TO:

TIM & GLADYS (LIVELY) HAWCO of 99 Connaught St., who were married on D 29, 1936 at Sacred Heart Church,Sydn Cecil & Evelyn (Lively) French stood for them. Family count 4 boys, 3 gir 22 grandchildren and 10 great grand-children.

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"PIER TALK"

"Christmas Eve we always had codfish with buttered raisin bread and tea. Turkey for Xmas Dinner and a Duck for New Years."

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: -

Joseph Broomes - 102, in Barbados	Dec. 7/86
Emily (Rose) Penney - 80, 436 Lingan Rd.	Dec.12/86
Sister Judith Gillis - 47, Mount Pleasant St.	Dec.15/86
Daniel A. Fraser - 68, 910 Lingan Rd.	Dec.23/86
John J. Gillis - 83, Former Dominion St.	Dec.27/86
William (Bill) Rolls - 57, Former Victoria Rd.	Dec.27/86
Hugh J. MacLeod - 74, Frederick St.	Dec.27/86
Emma May Timmons - Former MacLean St.	Jan. 4/87
Iain Douglas MacKay - 38, 34 Matilda St.	Dec.31/86
Mrs. Lexina Goodman - 87, Former Cameron St.	Jan. 3/87
Richard Serrick - 89, 1256 Victoria Rd.	Dec.29/86

ANSWERS

(1) E
(2) D
(3) F
(4) G
(5) B
(6) H
(7) A
(8) C
(9) J
(10) I

PIER BASEBALL CLUB TO MEET. JAN.30,1937

Election of officers for the coming baseball season will be the principal item of business when the Whitney Pier executive hold their annual meeting in their Ward 5 rooms next Monday night. Retiring officers of the club are Bert Doyle, Pres.; Bruce Nunn, V.P.; James Mulcahey, Secty.; and Dennis Fitzgerald, treasurer. The club during the past year was also governed by an executive committee composed of Clyde Nunn; Allan MacAskill and John Gillis (see obit. this issue). At the meeting arrangements will be made to send one of the executive members to the United States to contact baseball officials of the Major Leagues in connection with the Sydney entry to the Colliery Professional Baseball League this year.

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January 25, 1937

Mr. Harry Freeland, Chief Officer of the S.S. Watuka was a visitor to his home on Connaught St. from North Sydney where his ship was in port.

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JANUARY 29,1937, KEATING SISTERS SCORE AGAIN

The talented Keating sisters again proved their superiority in the realm of tap dance artistry, when they were awarded first prize in an amature contest conducted in the Assumption Hall, Glace Bay, by the Reserve Fire Dept.
Irene and Gertrude Keating were daintly costumed in shell pink satin tunics and white satin trousers made by their mother Mrs. Caroline Keating of Dominion St. They are pupils of Miss Vivian Kings Dance Studio.

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"PIER TALK"

"We were allowed as far as Ashby Corner that way - and Furnace St. the other way. Now that I look back, what an experience to see and hear so many Nationalities and languages in such a small community."

SYDNEY-TORONTO ASSOCIATION:

The Association was born out of a Sydney Bicentennial Reunion jointly organized by members of St. Philips African Orthodox Church and expatria members of the City's Black Commu it now living in Toronto and area.

The group recently honoured Emmerson Mascoll with a "Roast" - "Emmie" made his mark on the Canadian buines scene, and is now a Vice President of NABISCO Brands Ltd.

Officers elected at Nov.16 meeting in Toronto.
Pres. - Malcolm Streete
Vice. Pres. - Ann Herbert
Treasurer - Denzil Braithwaite
Asst.Tres. - Elinor Crawfod
Secretary - Marilyn Roberts
Asst. Secty. - Mafalda Riley
Chairperson Health & Welfard - Kathy Parris

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NICHOLOS FEDORA was one of the first Ukranian immigrants to arrive in Sydney. Born in the village of Nadoroznia in the Province of Tovm ch in the year 1880, he became an orphar at the age of 11 and in 1901 arriv d in Sydney from Halifax. He worked or a few months in the mine at Marble Mtn., and returned to Sydney. It was not until 1904 that other Ukranian arrived in Sydney to work in the Steel Plant. In 1907 another group of Ukranians arrived in Sydney accomp ni by some Polish people. These new immigrants could not speak English. Fedora by this time had grasped the English language and was used by t e newly arrived immigrants and the Steel Co. as their interpreter. A third group of immigrants arrived n 1912.

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PIER Ties

GEORGE ALLAN LIBBEY - ran a grocery, hardware and drug store down on the corner of Lingan Rd. and Frederick St. from the early 1900's to 1922. Born in Chancook N.B., G.A. later went to the Klondike gold rush and from there to Vancouver B.C. where he worked as a section foreman with the C.P. Railway. From the west he returned to Calais,Me. to run a hotel business and from there to Whitney Pier when the Steelplant boom started.

G.A. and his wife Rebecca (Glue) had three boys - Howard, Frank, Oscar and one daughter Etta (Mrs.Walter Hodder). They lived in a big 8 or 10 room house built by G.A.(256 Lingan Rd.across the street from Campbells Store,now Lingan Dairy).

G.A. brought a bit of the old west to the Pier. He kept a saddle horse, (Nellie), wore a wide brim hat and leather knee boots and britches. The Store was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve 1921.

Thank you to ex navy man Howard Libbey, grandson of G.A.,Mira Rd.(Oscars son and brother to meat cutter Ted, Bay St.) for the lookback into Pier History and an interesting cowboy Grandfather.

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COASTING IN THE PIER

The HENNICKS always had the fastest bob-sled, they would coast from the top of Lingan Rd. & Church St. (Calvary Cemetery) right on down to John Joe Gillis' on the corner of Victoria Rd. across from Holy Redeemer Church. Down on Broadway, the POSTLEWAITES and MacASKILLS were the top sledders, and the BARRINGTONS and ROSSITERS were always out front on Dominion St.

WARD V Coasters

On Henry St. coasters ran right to #5 Gate. Up on Lingan Rd., the GREENS, HOPKINS, KEOUGHS & MacEACHERNS coasted from Campbells store to the S.& L. tracks down at the end of Lingan Rd. The more daring coasters went down East St., and if they made the turn by the Ukranian Hall on to Wesley St. the run was completed and disaster (fence) averted.

Better plowing, chemicals and increased traffic pretty well spelled the end of street coasting in Whitney Pier. Miss your hill or street? Give a call - 564-8012

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NICKNAMES - In Jan. Issue, make that "Gig" Campbell (48 MacLean St.) instead of Young. Sorry about that Lawrence. Now, try your skill on these 10.

1. "Pigeon"Cole
2. "Bun"Romanovicz
3. "Hubba"Parris
4. "Bricky"Campbell
5. "Dime"Walsh
6. "Mack"Campbell
7. "Rusty" Keough
8. "Libbey" Carocci
9. "Gandi" Margettie
10. "Squid" Jewer

A.Millworth
B.John
C.Peter
D.Ethelbert
E.Henry
F. Louis
G. Stanley
H. Malcolm H.
I. Michael
J. Maurice

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Holy Ghost Church is the only Ukranian Church east of Montreal and serves the largest Ukranian community in the Atlantic area. Their Millenium will be celebrated in 1988.

CARIBBEAN BLACKS; ARRIVAL IN CAPE BRETON - Awareness of immigrants coming from the West Indies and arriving at various ports in Nova Scotia, other than Halifax N.S. came to the attention of Immigration Officials who sent a Mr. G.V. Willans to Nova Scotia to investigate the matter, Parts of this report, courtest of The Beaton Institute as follows. (Condensed) 1909 Report Re Landing of Negroes at Nova Scotia Ports.

Since the 1st of April the total of Negroes from the West Indies landed from Schooners at Port Hawkesbury bound for Sydney, C.B., has been 48 males and 3 females. The names of the Schooners, their Captains, the dates on which they arrived and the number of negroes are as follows:

April	21	"Helen Stewart"	Capt. Miller	21 Males	3 Females
May	11	"Moravia"	Capt. Crooks	9 Males	
May	18	"Annie Smith"	Capt. Rafuse	10 Males	
June	8	"Success"	Capt. Innis	8 Males	

Port Hawkesbury appears to be the principal port outside of Halifax where the negroes have landed from the West Indies. The cost of passage from Barbadoes to P.H. is about $20.00 and the negroes board themselves on the schooners whilst crossing. Mr. Hennessey (Collector of Customs at P.H.) who has visited the West Indies on many occasions, claims that the few negroes who have come to P.H. are of the better class, being well dressed and most of them following some trade. The men and women landing at P.H. generally arrive in the morning and take the afternoon train to Sydney, where they endeavour to obtain work in the mines, or in the steel plant, or at various occupations such as waiters in restaurants, carpenters, or in shoe repair shops, and the women as domestics. Most of them appear to get work and the few who have returned have always taken the PlantLine of steamers from P.H. to Boston. The remainder of his report dealt with his recommendations that various agencies dealing with immigrants be made aware of laws and regulations re: immigrants.

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I REMEMBER

How big the Star Theatre seemed to me - Casino too - walked by the Star lot the other day and it seemed to be so small, just like the winters, always seemed to be bigger banks of snow when you were young, colder too, weather must be changing for the warmer, but then sometimes you wonder, look at last summer 86.

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MORE RINKS & PONDS

Had several calls to remind me I forgot to mention Dee-Harts Pond, also the S.& L. Pond (Browns) and Taylors Pond, all in the lower Ward 5 area of Lingan Rd. There was also an outdoor rink behind the Italian Church on Williams St., and yet another pond between Matilda St. & Dominion St. (by Trinity United Church). Davis' rink was between James St. & Matilda St. where the new Holy Redeemer Convent now stands. Morrison - MacInnis (Weatherbees) on the corner of Victoria Rd.& Catherine St.

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PIER TALK

My father P.J.Carroll put on plays at the Casino and Star Theaters in the 20's and early 30's. "Peg of my Heart" and "My New Curate" were two I know of, because I was in the second one (Curate) I think it was a Mr. Dawe that took over after him. They also put on Passion plays in the Imperial Hall.

Mary (Carroll) Cody

FOLK WEATHER LORE

Smoke from the chimney curling to ground level. Soot burning on the inside of stove covers - sure signs of rain. These are examples of the kind of Weather Lore that Roman M. Himsi, 248 Grandview St.W., Moose Jaw, Sask,S6H5K is collecting and plans to put into a book.

Progress in modern scientific weather study is threatening to overwhelm the delightful homespun methods used by generations of Canadians. The gradual passing of our senior citizens, the people most familiar with folk weather lore, will also contribute to the loss of this amusing but oft times accurate method of weather forecasting. Drop a line to Roman or pass them on to your PIER TIES Editor.

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WHO AM I?

My mother was a MacNeil from Iona,and I lived there for a while. Worked at Abe MacLennans in the summer on the farm and later on the milk truck. I was on a ship heading for England when I was 14 (Fireman) Served with the Canadian Army in Korea. They tell me I'm one of the youngest veterans.

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ANSWER - H of the Nicknames on page 4

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DOMINION ST. BANDSTAND

Anyone out there with that picture, painting or drawing - appreciate hearing from you. Call 564-8012, don't let the beeps get to you, hang in there and leave your message.

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CANADA WINTER GAMES:

Whitney Pier Air Cadet Squadron 587 will play an important part in the opening and closing ceremonies to be held in the next two weeks (Feb.15 - Mar.1) Special uniforms and footwear will be worn by the cadets and months of practice and drill have been put in, in preparation for the extravaganza. Break-A-Leg wishes to C.O.J.Ross Preeper and his squadron as well as the participating athletes.

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67th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congradulations to Edward "Ned" and Eliza (Murray) Fewer on the occasion of their 67th. Former residents of Matilda St., the Fewer Family Margaret (deceased), Bill, Eileen, Winnie (deceased), Murray, and Donnie have produced 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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CONVENT STUDENTS

The following is a list of the girls who boarded at the Holy Redeemer Convent during the scholastic year 1903-1904.

Agnes Burgey	Mary MacDonald
Minnie Doyle	Nellie MacDonald
Gertrude Dunn	Teresa MacGillvary
Rose Agnes Gillis	Matilda MacIntyre
Jessie Lawson	Clare MacNamara
Alice MacDonald	Lizzie MacNeil
Catherine MacDonald	Genevieve MacNamara
Bride Wolfe	

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HOUSE MOVING

Never realized how many houses and buildings in Whitney Pier were moved from one site to another, sometimes involving many miles, other moves were relatively short. Nevertheless,keep in mind the motive power of 60 years ago compared to today. Some houses were moved without taking the dishes from the shelves. Annie (Gillis) Frobese, now living in Pinehurst, Mass., write - "I was born at Whitney Pier in a place called the MacIsaac house, Shortly after I was born,my father Stephen A.Gillis took apart their home on Meadows Rd., and moved it by horse and wagon to French St. The house is still there,now owned by a Keough family."

DAN GILLIS - 644 Victoria Rd. for over 80 years carried on a Taxi and trucking business. At first it was two black beauty horses and a black carriage with the collapse top. Weddings by the score and hundreds of christenings of which he stood in on.

Numerous occasions could be in the hundreds. As time went along he got involved with taxis and trucks, but still the love of horses, pacers and trotters, his great love was shown, they were first for their feeding and grooming then he would come in for breakfast later. He would take them for a work-out at the race track (now Tartan Downs)this he carried into his late eighties.

Finally, but reluctantly he had to quit on doctors orders. At age 83 he lost an eye that slowed him, finally weakness took over and he passed away at the age of 95. April 7, 1965.

The three boys and four girls in his family along with his wife Margaret always ready to pitch in on any occasion, were a well respected family. Asked to take part in politics to seek office his answer was always no, but he would help others running for office.

I might mention that Dan provided taxi service for Holy Redeemer Convent, also Holy Angles. He provided dependable trucking service for Pier stores from the railway station, as well as delivering coal.

Submitted by Charles Wall

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DO YOU REMEMBER

The Booey Gang, The Subway Flooding and going through #5 Gate or the Coke Ovens to get "to town", playing around the cement factory on the way to town on Sundays. The aromas of fresh bread baking and hardwood smoke at Bernies Bakery. The Yo-Yo champs and how good Florence (Burt) Anesty was with one. The church services held outdoors. How busy it was around the Bee-Hive. The Toby Gang, and the jingle "We are the boys from old Whitney Pier". Most of these memories will be touched on in future editions of the PIER TIES. Care to add yours. Call the Editor -564-8012.

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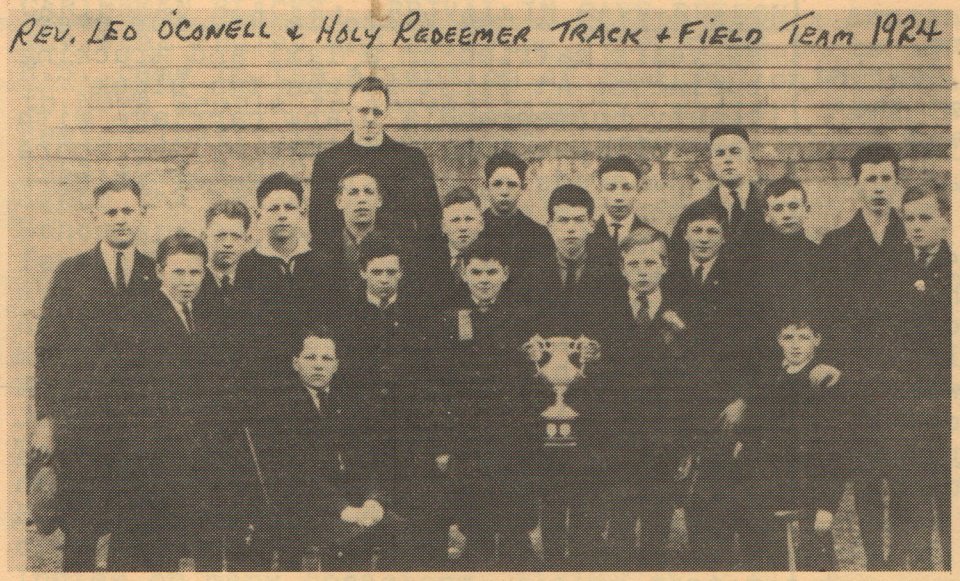
Thank you for your Support

Rod(Brother)Black, Matilda St.
Rita Donovan, Ottawa
Mrs.Grace (Marocco)Caron, Detroit,Mich.
Anna M.(Gillis) Frobese, Pinehurst,Mass.
Gloria(Putt) Buhaj, Calgary
Florence(Carroll)Keay, Halifax
Mary (Nunn)Miller, North Carolina
Mary (Carroll) Cody, Ottawa



Front Row L to R:
Neil Black;Roddy Mombourquette;Pat Forgarty; Alex MacKinnon;Joe Nyhornick; Richard Forgarty.
Back Row L to R:
Alex Hollis;Angus MacDonald; Charlie Wall; Jim Butts; Mike Campbell; Herbie Jacks n; John MacMullin; Unknown Archie Beaton; ? Murphy; Tom Fitzgerald.

ANSWERS - (1) J, (2) C, (3) , (4) A, (5) I, (6) H, (7) D, (8) F, (9) G, (10) E.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (F) denotes (former resident)

Daniel Wodoslawski - 39,	in Hamilton,Ont. (F) 72 Fisher St.	Jan. 9/87
Mrs. Mary Rozicki - 91,	in Mississauga,Ont.(F) Mt.Pleasant St.	Jan. 12/87
William Tetanish - 77,	175 Maloney St.	Jan. 13/87
David Mombourquette- 67,	(F) 230 Dominion St.	Jan. 17/87
John Kennedy - 82,	140 Taylor St.	Jan. 19/87
Raymond W.Oake -63 ,	(F) 95 Fisher St.	Jan. 20/87
Alex Usher - 74,	South Bar	Jan. 20/87
Eliza(George)Smith - 85,	616 R. Victoria Rd.	Jan. 20/87
Miss Edith Poushay - 98,	(F) 144 Dominion St.	Jan. 21/87
Mary(Maxwell) Gibson - 71,	139 Kitchener St.	Jan. 21/87
Harry Hasiuk - 85,	96 West St.	Jan. 22/87
Jonathan A. Skeete - 34,	(F) 126 Laurier St., in Halifax	Jan. 23/87
Elfina (Ranni) Magliaro - 81,	150 Lingan Rd.	Jan. 26/87
Lorraine Jacobs - 41,	60 Carroll Crescent	Jan. 30/87
Mary MacLean - 48,	1482 Victoria Rd.	Jan. 30/87
Cecil Richardson - 69,	South Bar	Jan. 31/87
Dawn Marie Williston - 4,	73 Borden St.	Feb. 1/87
John Angus MacNeil - 76,	(F) Church St., in Johnstown	Feb. 2 /87
Mary (O'Connell) Wilson - 61,	(F) 48 East St.	Feb. 5/87
John J. Gale - 57,	(F) Ferris St., in South Bar	Feb. 6/87

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MacMILLAN HALL

An invitation to a dance being held i 1904 by the Whitney Pier Quartet was found while insulating at John Nevill 's house on 1462 Victoria Rd.& E.Broadwa . Committee members on the card read - A.E.MacKinnon; D.Martin;, D.MacLeod. Dancing at 8 P.M. - Refreshments. Interesting to note that the house Johnny Neville lives in now was taken from Kilkenny Lake, and was assembled by the same man (a Frenchman), who built Gallivans house on the opposite corner. Anyone remember MacMillians Hall? Thanks John.

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St.Mary's is the only Polish Church e s of Montreal. Fr. Leo O'Connell 1929-1969. 1918 - 1929 in Holy Redeemer.

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PIER Ties

There are 57 boys in the picture - to help out, the number after the name giv the location in the picture by row. Get out your glasses and see if you can find Mickey Moss (2), Jim MacQuarrie (1), Billy Pitts (4)(Necktie), Pius Dalton (1)(Bowtie), Gerald Davis (1), John Power (4), Jib Healey (4), Buddy Keating (4), Charlie Baldwin (4), Ron Hollahan (3), Pat Gallivan (2), Gerard MacNeil (2) Donnie Muise (1).

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Annie(Anderson)Poirier, Gray St., Syd.
Lem Evans, New Glasgow
Aileen(Evans)MacDonald, Judique, C.B.
Donald R. & Edna MacDonald, Sydney
John Borden's Barber Shop, Victoria Rd.
Leonard Campbell, Scarborough, Ont.
John Moore, Scarborough, Ont.
Cyl(MacNeil) Bassett, Dalton, Mass.
Willie & Shirley(Terrio)Green, Syd.River
Patrick J. Carroll, Vancouver, B.C.
Bernice(Rolls)Allan Boone, Sydney
Buddy Dalton, Edmonton, Alta.

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PIER TALK

Ted Perry's barbershop was not in th Atlantic Hotel, it was where Peters Shop was at the corner of Muggah St. Victoria Rd.
Vince Presutti & family lived in the back on Muggah St., it is now Pauls Pizza Burger.
Joe Shaheen had a barbershop across street.

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WHO AM I?-I was a teacher all my life my teaching brought me in close conta with many ethnic groups. I am a Chart Member C.W.L. (1922) Holy Redeemer Parish. I spent many summers as a coo at Holy Redeemer Parish camp at Johnstons Harbour. My brother served Mayor of Sydney for some years. I am retired for many years now and people call be doctor, but not a doctor like Mr. MacRae or Mr. D'Intino.

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THE TOBY GANG: "We are the boys from old Whitney Pier, we like our moonshine, we like our beer, we hang out at Toby's store, some in the window, some in the door". . . . It was the 1940's, World War II was in full swing, and the Toby Gang all in their young teens were much like Leo Gorcey's "Dead End Kids" tha played at the Star and Casino. Toby's was located on the corner of Mt.Pleasant & Victoria Rd., and the proprietor John Tobias "Toby" saw the needs of the yo n men that for the most part lived in the area around his restaurant. That need was an outlet for youthful energy. The Whitney Pier Athletic Club was eventuarl started and the Toby Gang moved from the streets to the gym. Boxing was the big attraction then and the Pier A.C. under the watchful eyes of trainors Billy* and Arky Dalton* were always keen competitors in the many tournments held throughout the New Waterford, Glace Bay and Sydney areas.... "We never stagger, we never fall, we sober up on wood alcohol"..... Like the Dead End Kids, som of the local police had the gang pegged for Dorchester. Most things were rati n gas included, but the boys managed to get around to the local dances, English's Lake, Polar Bear and to a log cabin they built at East Bay....."While our loyal sons are marching onward to Victory".....And so ends the song "We are the bo s from old Whitney Pier". But for most it was another song that told the end of the Toby Gang. "Those wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of mine". Looking back over 40 years ago and seeing the different paths they all took, o will agree that for a gang from the wrong side of the tracks they turned out pretty good. "We lined up from Sam Shermans store to Issie Perlins (Idle Inn)". Picked at random here are some of the guys you would have seen..
Desmond Ryan*; Jimmy Dunn; "Dimp" Rudderham; Max Cuff; Ray & Mick Drohan; Joe Melinosh; "Crow" Walsh; Bill Mullins; Joe Bartkow; Stan Margettie; "Gramps" & Ray Kiley;"Beans"*& Harry "The Wolf" MacKenzie; Rusty & Maurice Keough; Bob Piercey; Porky Prosser; Benny Deleranzo; Bernie MacDonald; Jack Byrne; Mitzi Krszwda; Ernie Hoban; Edgar Rowe; John Callahan; Danny Holloran; Eddy MacNeil, Pius Dalton; Jim Ryan*; Lum* and Tom Putt; Moe Davis*; Mick Conway; Walter Kusk Pat Gallivan; "Stump" Whalen; Ray Wall. Did I miss anyone? Ph.564-8012 Editor
*Deceased.

NICKNAMES - In Feb. issue make that Milward instead of Millworth for"Bricky" Campbell of 64 Hankard St. Sorry about that Milward. Answers on page 4.

1. "Gub"Sheppard E	A.Patrick-
2. "Corky"Sheppard J	B.Merlin-
3. "Tootie"(Murphy)Tatlock G	C.Eva -
4. "Butch"Worrell I	I.Gerald-
5. "Pipe Head"Nunn B	E.Goldburne
6. "Jud" Scott D	F.Helen-
7. "Babe"(Nichols)Hollahan C	G.Eileen
8. "Dick" Colford A	H.Alex-
9. "Lallie"(Manley)Madore F	I.Julian-
10."Dewy" Manley H	J.Earl

ANNUAL MEETING - of the Whitney Credit Union will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 P.M. at Trinity Hall, Matilda St. Special door prizes. Lunch served. A good attendance requested.

THE CARIBANA ALL STARS Steel Drum Bar from Toronto in conjunction with the Eastern Lights Festival events and the Jeux Canada Winter Games 87, presente a delightful evening of entertainment at the Melnick Hall on Monday Feb. 23. The Directors description of how the drums are constructed and their range capabilities added to the enjoyment of their selections, which included their rendition of the Brandenburg Concerto (Bach), Cape Breton fiddle selections a well as their traditional Calypso numbe

CANADIAN POPULAR THEATRE ALLIANCE presents its 4th Biennial International Festive of Popular Theatre May 20 - 30t 1987 at three locations in Sydney - St. Andrews Church; Pier Legion and he U.C.C.B. Playhouse. For further information call 562-6593 (9-5 Mon. to Fri) or write Standin' The Gaff, P.O. Box 1796, Sydney, N.S. B1P6W4.

SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the families of:(f) denotes former resident

Johnny MacLennan - 76 ,	235 Alexander St., (f) 214 Lingan Rd.	Feb. 8, 198
Donald M MacAulay - 81 ,	130 Reeves St., (f) South Bar	Feb.16, 1987
John A. MacMillan -68 ,	Halifax , (f) Dominion St.	Feb.22, 198
Charles Piercey - 65 ,	99 West St.	Feb.21, 198
William Joseph Fitzgerald - 75,	Mexico, (f) Laurier St.	Feb.18,1987
Helen (Dean) Postlethwaite - 65,	138 St. Anns St.	Mar. 2, 1987
Walter Blazey - 77.	194 Dillon St. (f) Fernie St.	

WHO REMEMBERS: Rev. Mr. Shumsky's HYDROLATOR, manufactured on 32 West St. in the 1930's.

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WE GET LETTERS -Too many and too lengthy to mention in a little paper like this, but briefly here are some comments from some of our readers.

From:DALTON, MASS. "Reading about the old subway and when there was no subway, I could hear my Dad's voice telling us stories of his first days at the Pier. He moved into the house he built on the top of Catherine St. in 1900. We were all born there, he would have enjoyed the Pier Ties."

From: SCARBOROUGH, ONT. "I'm not from the Pier but my wife is, she was a Campbell, need I say more, I feel like I'm from the Pier anyway."

From: MILFORD STN. N.S. "I get a charge out of the Pier Ties, the old head gets thinking. Who remembers the best fish & chips in Sydney, on Dominion St, ran by the woman who also ran the Navy League later."

From: WESTERN SHORE, LUNENBURG CO. "When I worked at International Piers in 1971 I was intrigued by the old office where the Convoy Meetings were held from 1940-45."

From: TORONTO "Please mention our skating in Ward 5 was DeHarts which was located on Frederick St. Most of the young people in the 40's played their hockey there and also their pleasure skating too. In addition, after the second World War a rink was built by return veterans at the bottom of Tupper St., called HERCULES."

From: 56 ROSEWOOD DR. SYDNEY. A delightful letter about a teacher father and his colleague and the pranks they played while teaching at the Sydney Academy." P.S.Their initials are J.J.C.K. and T.P.

From: STELLARTON, N.S. "My memories are all before 1930 when I left Sydney. There are many changes, it is surely an interesting venture, I wish you all much success with it."

Thank you for your letters which are an indication of interest and support. They will be read in whole or in part at some of our future meetings and put in our archives. Readers are encouraged to participate. Leo Evans - Editor.

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QUESTION - A reader asks whatever happened to the flagpole that graced the Imperial Hall on Victoria Rd. He figured it "disappeared" around 1934 or 35. Anyone out there know?

CONGRADULATIONS & BEST WISHES on the opening of the WHITNEY PIER LAW OFFI(of Elizabeth Cusack Walsh at 797 Victoria Rd. (Former Chisholm home across from Joe Fitzgerald's Selrite Store, presently Rogers Washer & Appliance). Does anyone remember any other law offices in the Pier over th years?

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WHITNEY PIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY meet the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. Watch local paper for locat and program.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE TOWN "Y" 38 - 37 March 17, 1947 - Cape Breton Post. Replay of a disputed game this game provided lots of thrills. The "Y" Intermediate team led at half time - 18 - 16. High scorer for Community House was Art Stevens with 22 pts., while Jack Rutherford of the "Y" led team with 8 pts. The win will advance the Pier Team to playdowns with St. Anns of Glace Bay. Line ups - COMMUNITY HOUSE - Stevens, Appblett, Mendelson, Melanosh, Moules, MacLeod. SYDNEY "Y" - McCarron, MacRitchie, Rutherford, Henderson, MacLean.

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March 24, 1947 -
FEDERS JEWELERY STORE 834 Victoria R was gutted by a fire of undetermined origin..The fire was discovered aroun 6 A.M. by one of the tenants, Mr. Sol Green, whose prompt action in alertin the other tenants in the upstairs apartments. (Keough,Corbett,Falconer) Although the store was gutted by the fire, the apartments were only slight damaged by smoke and water.

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MacMILLAN HALL (Feb.Issue) was on 41 Broadway and was owned and operated b City A. MacMillan's father *(Sid ran store at the bottom of Dominion St., worked at Steel Co. scale Dept., diec P.E.I.) The building is now owned by Tom Harvey and has several apartments *That would be John A. MacMillan's great grandfather (see obit this issu

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MARITIME INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL TITLE. ST. THERESA PARISH

1st Row - Danny Gallivan; "Lar
Hartigan; P.J.Joker LeBlanc;
Ellis Neville; Roy White.
2nd Row - John Willie & Loui
Mombourquette; Fr.(Msgr) Wm.
Gallivan; Doug MacCormack; J m
Cusack.
3rd Row - Raymond (Rusty) O'De
Les Topshee; Fishy Nicholson;
Ray Powell; Went Murray.
Mascot - Frank MacNeil
Missing - Herman Timmons.

ANSWERS-(1)E, (2)J, (3)G, (4)I, (5)B, (6)D, (7)C, (8)A, (9)F, (10)H.

Answer: Dr. Catherine "Kitty"Gallagher

NURSE DUBBIN'S MUSTARD PLASTERS

There were some doctors who ordered linseed meal poultices, to be applied to the chest and back every 4 hours, while others preferred mustard plasters to be applied only to the chest, or to the source of pain. Mustard plasters were less trouble to make, and they could be applied without disturbing the patient. The proportions I used for the plasters were 3 tablespoons of flour to one tablespoon of mustard, if the mustard was a pure product. One doctor would name the brand of mustard he wished to use. I used tepid water to make the paste, cold water would have been too much of a shock for the patients, and the paste was spread between old soft rags. These plasters were left on for ten to fifteen minutes or until the area became reddened.
After some years, a new product - Antiphlogistine, was used instead of the linseed meal and mustard.
40 years a nurse, 32 a V.O.N. nurse - Mable Louise Dubbin.

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PAGES: Watch for the opening of Sydney's newest Bookstore at 361 Charlotte St., where MacLeod's Bookstore was located, sometime in April. This is a community Bookstore owned and operated by local people featuring local authors. Drop in for a look see and pick up a copy of John Huk's "Strangers In The Land", the Ukranian presence in Cape Breton.

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EXHIBIT of OLD SYDNEY TOWN - U.C.C.B. Art Gallery. Drawings of Sydney's Historic North End by LEW PARKER .

PIER TALK "Used to be a tennis court
the corner of Tupper St. and Lingan R
John Armstrong played there, now th r
was a guy who could swim, good under-
water too, also played Cricket".
The HERCULES CLUB ran an outdoor ri k
lower Tupper St. extension. It was bu
by Oscar Seale, Winston Ruck and othe
returned vererans.
Lingan Rd. Coasters went down South S
not East, to Obie Hamms where the
Ukranian Hall is presently.
I remember coasting on Church St.,a d
before that on Long Hill, Lingan Rd.
My brother used to take the horse slei
to Long Hill and steer while a gang o
us kids rode in the horse sleigh, n
cars on the road then, no one ever go
hurt. My father Wm Anderson deliver d
milk by horse & wagon & sleigh for o
than 30 years around the Pier and as
far as Ashby corner. The kids called h
Grandfather and used to beg for rid s
the wagon. One day he had about 6 kids
on the wagon when the horse a mare
called "Babe" took a fright at a no se
and ran away, spilling kids on the
street one after another. I suppose so
of them reading this will recall it
It was Dan Gillis' team of horses w o
did my brothers funeral in February,
1931. Snow was so deep and the crust s
frozen the horses were able to walk o
top of it from our farm house acros t
fields to Eastmount Cemetery..

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OLD SYDNEY SOCIETY: At the regular meeting on March 26, Greig Bishop wil
be the speaker. You may have heard hi
on the CBC, discussing his "digging "
underneath the new Ramada Inn on th
Esplanade. He will bring some of his
"finds" with him.

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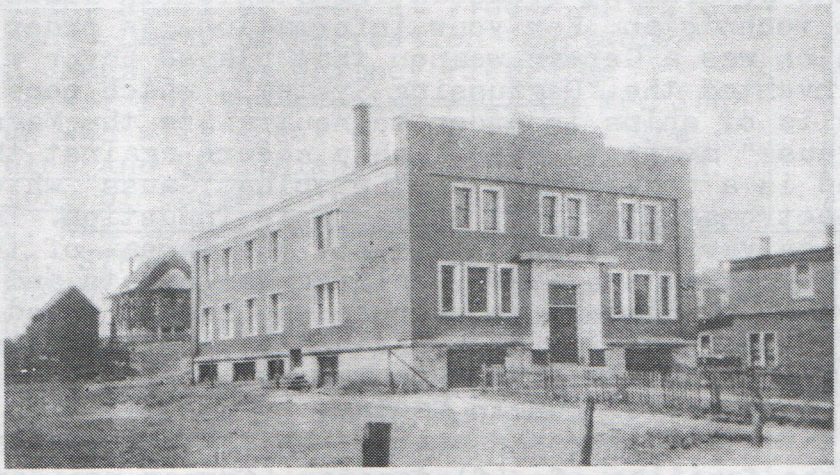

COMMUNITY HOUSE - Built 1923 - Demolished 1973. Thats the "Roun Church" on Breton St. in the bac ground, presently the Whitney Pie Senior Citizens Club rooms.

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Picture Below - COMMUNITY HOUSE BASKETBALL TEAM 1930 -
Jake Mendelson, Harry Rose, Rúss MacInnis
Nicholos (Bam)Melanosh, Bill Ott Ralph Warren
Pinky Gaum, Harry Taylor

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MARITIME CHAMPS 1930

PIER LAWYERS - OFFICES - A.G.HAMILTON, a black lawyer had an office in the Topshee Bldg. at the top of the Subway. He lived on Bay St., and later moved his office to Charlotte St.
BENNY KARREL worked out of his clothing store (Doddicks) and CHARLIE SIGUT had a small office around where the Swan Lunch is now located.

PIER TALK - ALEX PARRISH was a shoe maker in the coke ovens and he coul speak Hungarian - another black mar GEORGE MAXWELL spoke Gaelic. AL MOC was the black barber whose shop was halfway down on Tupper St., across the Fedility Hall (Italian Hall). M MARTINELLO owned the hall, he sold cooking oil and cooking stuff, impo things. Where the Polish Hall (Vill is now, ACKERMAN'S had a store, hom cooking, pastry. MRS. ACKERMAN cook at the United Missions Camp at New Campbellton, what good stew she mad Rev. Hamilton ran the camp. We used pull trees to keep the fields clear for small ones, 2¢ for bigger ones; a great time, think it was $8.00 fo the two week camp. We were reprimar for going to camp in summer and the Mission at Christmas.

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Y.P.U. ENTERTAIN GLACE BAY (KNOX)UNI AT PIER COMMUNITY HOUSE - April 15,
Scripture Reader - Mr. Donald MacLe
Organist - Miss Myrtle Green
Union President - Ethel Dickson
Convener - Miss Vivian Stevens
Misses - Margaret Gillis, Nellie Fre Sadie MacDonald. Also Mssers - Gord MacLennan, Herbert Weatherbee, Dunc MacKay, Nicholos Melanosh.

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U.N.I.A. - THE UNITED NEGRO IMPROVE

DEGAUSSING RANGE - Near the shore of Sydney Harbour, between Dominion St. and Broadway but closer to Dominion St. and between Shore Rd. and the beach, the Navy (B.M.W.T.) constructed a building in which was housed the Degaussing Equipment, so necessary in checking the effectiveness of the degaussing on convoy transports and all ships travelling in convoy from Sydney, particularly during World War Two. This building was guarded at all times by a contingent of D.E.M.S. which in effect were army personnell assigned to vessels carrying cargoes to the war zones. Their job mainly was to operate the guns, depth charges and ack-ack guns, which each vessel was equipped with. At the building in question, the testing equipment was their responsibility to guard. An area in the Harbour, opposite the building was designated as the "Degaussing Range" a length of harbour approximately 2 or 3 miles in which the ship moved while the tests were being carried out. The person operating the equipment was a man called Willett who came from the Government Broadcasting Station in Glace Bay, and was a highly skilled radio technician. For your information, in order to combat the "Magnetic Mine", which was a German weapon that played havoc with allied shipping, the British invented the "Degaussing System", which consisted of cables fitted around the hulls of ships in order to neutralize the Magnetic field set up by the ship. "Degauss" means to make a ship secure against the action of "Magnetic Mines", and is a combination of "De" plus "Gauss" which in Physics is described as the Electromagnetic Unit of Magnetic Induction. This degaussing invention proved to be very successful against the threat of the Magnetic Mine. This building described above was declared War Assets and eventually surplus, and was bought by Herbert Weatherbee who had it moved to the Corner of Victoria Rd. and Catherine St. (21), and had it converted into a dwelling and lived there many years. The roadway into the building is still visible off Dominion St. - Courtesy of Duncan MacKay.

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Tekla (Skrypka) Mulak	- 71,	74 Mount Pleasant St.	Mar.9/87
William Fewer	-74 ,	Middleton (f) 32 Kitchener St.	Mar.10/87
John Ostafichuk	- 78,	220 Lingan Rd.	Mar.10/87
Clarence Lake	- 73,	(f) St. Albans Ave.	Mar.11/87
Raymond Witka	- 56,	135 George St., (f) Ferris St.	Mar.12/87
Mary (Rossetti) Bogert	-	New Jersey (f) 59 East St.	Mar. 8/87
Patrick F. Curran	- 75,	New York, (f) 12 Elmwood Ave.	Mar. 28/87

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"CONGRATULATIONS"

THE OLD SYDNEY SOCIETY WINS AWARD
The Old Sydney Society has won a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State & Local History for preserving the History of Sydney. The American Association for State & Local History conferred the award at its Annual Meeting in Oakland, Calif., on Sept. 29, 1986. The Assoc's Awards Program is the United States Nation's most prestigious recognition for Local History Achievement.

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WHO & WHERE AM I?- I was moved from Baddeck and taken by water to the Pier. From my location on Victoria Rd. I can see the building where they say the first movies in this area were shown. I'm in Ward 6 and I'm on the East side of Victoria Rd. Answer - May issue.

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PICTURE CREDITS - March Issue - Billy Blanchard & "Red" Dougie MacCormack. This issue - Calvin MacLennan.

CHISHOLM HOUSE - Congratulations and welcome to Doctor Rajovish who has established the MacDonald Clinic at 797 Victoria Rd. Dr. Bakht has joined him recently.

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TOBY GANG - Missed a few of the boys. Allan Bennett, Nelson & Ross Rudderham, Bill Weeks, Danny & Dick Yakimchuk, Eddy & Mick Ryan, Ralph Headley. There's talk of a street reunion to be held during Action Week this summer (1st week Aug.) More information later in PIER TIES.

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NICKNAMES

1. "Arky"Brookman	A. Dorothy
2. "Slugger"Parris	B. Muriel
3. "Porky"Prosser	C. Mary
4. "Stump"Whalen	D. Arthur
5. "Danny"Alleyne	E. Cecil
6. "Ducksie"Seale	F. John
7. "Moo"(Osborne)Whalen	G. Randolph
8. "Chick"Chisholm	H. Alfred
9. "Grapes"Rose	I. Raymond
10. "Babs"(MacLean)Neville	J. Donald

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THE APRIL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF WHITNEY PIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month, April 9, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sydney Dept. of Recreation "Portables" on James St. at Whitney Pier. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. John Huk who will speak on the topic, "The Poles and Ukrainians in Cape Breton: A Story of Cooperation and Conflict". Mr. Huk is well-known for his publication, STRANGERS IN THE LAND:THE UKRAINIAN PRESENCE IN CAPE BRETON (1986) which deals with the Ukrainian immigrant experience in Cape Breton. This publication was a significant step in the understanding of twentieth century immigration to Cape Breton and its impact upon the economic and social life of Cape Breton. In his remarks, Mr. Huk will reflect upon the writing of local history and its importance in sustaining the traditions and pride of the ethnic community.

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PIER TALK - Where the Polish Village is now, on the corner of Jamieson & Victoria Rd., Stanley Baird had a shoe repair shop, he had a bicycle peddling apparatus rigged up to power his shoe shine brushes.
The Campbells on Henry St. ran the first taxis in the Pier, they were right by the brook.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Bill & Freda Homeniuk, Hamilton, Ont.
Rt.Rev. John Tataryn, Weston, Ont.
Brian Campbell, Sydney
Neddy O'Riley Jr., Sydney
Annie (MacFadyen) & Roy MacLeod,Baddeck
Lena & Bella Gaum, Whitney Pier
Julie Dzaich, Whitney Pier
Louis Mombourquette, Whitney Pier
Frank Lachowiez, Ferry St., Sydney
Martha(MacCarthy)Stone, Georgetown,Ont.
Val Smith, South Bar
Dan Archie MacNeil, Whitney Pier
Mrs. Allan MacNeil, Grand Mira South
Theresa (MacAdam) MacDonald, Ottawa
Eddy & Ann Mizzi, Hamilton, Ont.
Grace (Morocco) Caron, Detroit, USA

PIER TAXI'S - 1940's early 1950's Starting on Tupper St. was HORTON MURRAY and then up where Fred Tomie parking lot is now, was FRANK SPAGNOLA CROWN TAXI. OSCAR SEAL was between Simon Davids and the N. L.C. (later moved across the street from the Casino Theatre). RANNI'S T AND PRINT SHOP was between Fitzgera and Murray Matheson's Meat Market. On the next block was DAN GILLIS TR ING & TAXI, across the street TOM HAWCO operated a stand from Shaheen house and barber shop. (Tom started in 1946 at Henry St. corner). CHARL ROBERTS had a stand on Bay St. behi Moraffs. BADDEN POWELL operated fro Dominion St. across from the Sailor Home, while down at the bottom of Dominion St, JIMMY "THE GREEK"KELEA ABBIE BONAVISKY, FRANK MARTINELLO an "GAR" IVANY had cars in the Taxi business.

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MARCH 26,/37 - AMATEUR BOXING MEET a IMPERIAL HALL - Pier Team: Pius Dalt Eddy Davis, Leslie & Ralph Young, Er & Bill Dalton, Law Power, John Baldw Gerald Walsh, Mike O'Handley, Neil Mombourquette. Coach "Bucky" Sampson Officials - Announcer, Ted Petrie; Timers Judge, A.D. Campbell, Clarenc Bissett; Judge, Colin MacPhail; Refe Khattar Khattar.

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APRIL 17/37 - 8th SYDNEY TROOP (S.t. Albans) Met in the Parish Hall on Henry St. The following Scouts were invested into the troop. Israel Janes Louis Rudderham; Llewelyn Ivany; John Howell; Walter Wilson. Officers elect were: Scoutmaster - William Turvey; Asst. S.Master - Gordon Hussey; Troop Leaders - Marshall Hopkins, Lloyd Fre Patrol Leaders - Harvey Hodder, Samue Taylor, George Pride and Bill Courage

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EASTMOUNT MIDGET HOCKEY (1948) TEAM LINEUP - Norman Crawford, Allister Bl Murdock Rudderham, Aubrey Grant, Nels Rudderham, Gerald Putt, Cyril MacLean Morris Pufta, Archie Pyke, Harold Stephens, Frank Dixon, Wally Servatuk Coach and Manager - Clifford Mader. This was 1st of the Eastmount Athleti Club teams - only club to win N.S. Midget Championship twice.

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DESERT SONG - Mar.18,1957 - Taking pa in the Rotary Musical.
Howie & Homer Richardson; Dorothy Ho Frank Genter, Vernon Kraszwka, Bill Fogarty & Ray Mortimer.

HOLY REDEEMER BASKETBALL TEAM 1942.

Bill Fewer, Gertrude Keating, Harriet (Sissy)LeBlanc, Josie Baldwin, Mamie Forgarty, Ellis Neville.
Barbara Baldwin, Helen MacDonald, Hilda Sigut, Rhoda MacDonald, Marguerite (Porky) Wall.

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BERTHA (Costello) RAOUL - 198 Lisgard St. (Ashby) will represent the City of Sydney during VOLUNTEER WEEK in Halifax on April 21. Bertha is Area Commissioner for the Girl Guides, also a 25 year charter member of St. Theresa's C.W.L, and is co-oridinator for the Public Schools U.N.I.C.E.F. money boxes program. Bertha lived out on Gunn St. by the Penny's, Mullins & Stevensons.

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HOLY REDEEMER C.W.L. is celebrating its 65th ANNIVERSARY on April 30. Dr. "Kitty" Gallagher, Francis Nunn, Mrs. Ed. Fewer, Mrs. Bert Glasgow and Mrs. John (Sarah) Walsh are all Charter Members. Any further information or pictures would be appreciated - Call 539-2225.

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WHO REMEMBERS; Lundrigans Molasses candy, where Johnny Duck had his store corner of Church St. & Victoria Rd. Jimmy Moore delivering for Eastern Bakeries, and Ice Cream Man Stewart MacVicar?

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PASS ONE ON - Would appreciate all you good folks on our mailing list to pass along the extra copy of PIER TIES to some interested person. If you know someone home-sick for the Pier, make

March 31/36.

MARCH 31,1936. Mr. Anderson (Lingan Rd.) and his grandson Elmer "Plum" Harris on Bay S... Thats Shill Dunn's house behind. Elmer died in 1948, age 26. Thank you to Annie Poirier, Gray S... for her Dad's photo.

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EXCERPT FROM - "40 YEARS A NURSE-32 A... VON" - Nurse Dubbin.

The Polish and Ukranian people were congregated in another section, an... nearer the Steel Plant. These people were very clean and thrifty. They kep... miniature farmyards. It was not unc...m to enter the kitchen and find a hen, duck or goose sitting on a nest in a quiet corner or under the table, or t... hear the chirping of little chicks already hatched. A vegetable garden w... a certainty if there was the smallest piece of land available. The childr...n were quiet and well behaved., they seldom cried, and were not bribed to good, that it was a joy to work in ...h homes. After their babies were born two to three days were the longest th... mothers ever stayed in bed. I was rather horrified about this, and ca...l their doctor. He was not concerned, a... said: "You don't need to worry, that their way in their own country. The... will be alright." And so they were.

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DANNY GALLIVAN - The voice of Montr...a Canadiens was also a ball player wh... did quite well on the baseball diamon... In Feb. 1938 he and a guy named Jarvey Seaman from Liverpool N.S. attended t... New York Giants Training Camp in Louisiana.

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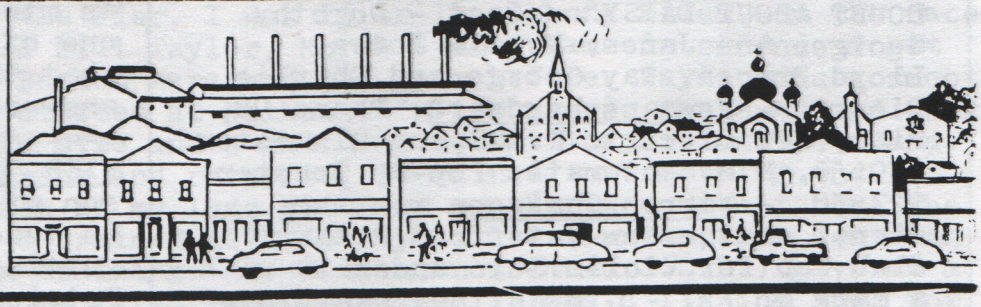

Bottom L.to R.-Eddy Davis;Urba LeBlanc; Vincent Carroll; Stanley Durkacz; Tom Hartigan; Leo Fennell*; Lem (Jr.) Evans; Vincent Putt;* Joe MacDonald; Colin Chisholm;
Middle Row - Dick Penny; Edgar Whalen; Colin Campbell; Neil Mombourquette; Frank Piercey; Angus Gillis; John Nemeth; Peter Sernyk; Aloysius Hurley
Back Row - Walter Paruch; John Ardelli;* Frank "Pinto" Wells;* Maurice Kawecki; Peter Bren;* Tom Fennell; Reg Donovan; Stephen Manley; Maurice Melnic George Rose.*
Missing - Charlie French & Joh Bartlett. (*Deceased)

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MAY 3,1984 - HERITAGE CHURCHES - Three ethnic churches in Whitney Pier, are declared Provincial Heritage Properties. St. Philip's is the only African Orthodox Church in Canada. Formally opened in July,1928, it is used by West Indian immigrants and their descendents. St. Mary's Polish Church, completed in 1918, is the only Polish Church East of Montreal. The Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, was originally built in 1913. Destroyed by fire, it was rebuilt in 1933. Celebrating the Byzantine Rite, it is the only church of its kind East of Montreal. Courtesy - Pam Newton's "The Cape Breton Book of Days"

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PIER TALK - WATCHING THE SPARKS - Made by PASQUALE DIBENEDETTO always delighte the children who gathered around to wat as he sharpened knives, sissors and wha have you. Affectionately known as "PATS Mr. D. made his rounds throughout W.P. and area with his horse and wagon (slei in winter) and in later years with a ca to carry his equipment, which he sometimes carried on his back. "PATSY" emigrated from Italy when he was 16, spent some time in New York, and then came to Sydney where he worked on the Steel Plant for awhile. His son Fred would like to hear from anyone who clip out the picture and story that the Post Record ran a number of years ago. Give Freddy a call at 539-0291 if you have t clipping - your PIER TIES Editor would appreciate a call also - 539-8012

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DESERT SONG:(C.P.Post) Among the cast in the Rotary Musical Production which opens March 25, 1957, are Howie and Homer Richardson; Dorothy Hoyte; Frank Genter; Vernon Krszwka; Bill Forgarty; Ray Mortimer.

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MAY 1947: 3rd Annual Drama Festival, St. Albans A.Y.P.A. presented "IN DOUBT ABOUT DAISY" - Cast - Dorothy George, Ann Janes, Myrtle Jones, Lloyd French, Ray George and Charlie Piercey.- Newmans Hardware: Phone 98, Pier, New Electric K.M.Speed Mixmaster $39.50, K.M. Automatic Pop-Up Toaster $23.50. - Warren Chaisson was the winner of the New Waterford Rotary Club Cup for Violin Solo under 14 with a mark of 77. - Gib Whitney was playing at the C.Y.O. Dance at the Imperial Hall featuring Ina Martin, 9 - 1, Adm. 50¢. At the Ukrainian Hall on Swan St. Johnny Paruch Orchestra auspices of U.C.Y.
On May 21,1947,Richard Wludyka of the Whitney Pier A.C. received the most valuable player award in the Midget Ranks. Mick Drohan Captain of the Provincial Champion Whitney Pier A.C. Midgets was presented with the Post Record Team Trophy.
CAPE BRETON TRAMCAR service which started in 1901 ended on May 16, 1947.
LARRY DOBRANSKI Industrial Arts teacher at Whitney School spoke to the Central Home & School Assn. His topic was hobbies. May 5/47 - Deputy Mayor Tony Gallagher is convalescing at his home on Seaview St. On May 14/47 Pall Bearers for Caroline Mathilda Kingsbury - esteemed Whitney Pier lady were John Luther, Sam Stevens, William Simms,Heber Lake, Louis French and William Smith.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:
Mark Mroz, New Dawn, Dominion St. W.P.
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Ray & Patsy (Farrell)Kiley,20 Wesley St.
Leo "Lid" Hollahan, Jamieson St.
"Fast" Eddy MacLennan, George St. Sydney
Goldburn "Gub" Sheppard, Whitney Pier
Evelyn (Elchyshyn)Hunt, North Bay, Ont.
Teresa (Jockemeck)Kelly, North Bay, Ont.
James Campbell, Pettawawa, Ont.
Mary (Mulak) & Joe Quinn, Calgary, Alta.
Florence (Rudderham)Kingbury,Stellarton
Michael Ryan (Mick & Ed) Toronto

WHO AM I - I live near a street on the edge of the Pier that has the same am as mine. Sure, I've got a nickname, bu one of my old buddies didn't have any what they called me. Look for the answer in the Nicknames, this issue

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PIER TIES GETS AROUND - Brian Crawley, son of Albert & Joyce (Taylor) Crawley is teaching in West Africa and enjoys getting the TIES from his folks.
Patricia Gallivan , daughter of Pat & Mary (Sajatovich) Gallivan,1223 Vic R is working in Melbourne Australia for I.B.M. Systems of England and is receiving copies of Pier Ties. Her sister Colleen is visiting her at present.

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CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN: Would enjoy he ri from our readers about large families i Whitney Pier. To start out we have the family of Jimmy and Annie (Moules) Bnn Their count is 19, eleven boys* and eight girls, and 31 grandchildren. Between Feb. 1952 and Nov. 1955 two set of twins and triplets were born.
*Benjamin,deceased Feb.6/45,age 5, and Gary, deceased Aug.18/60, age 7.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - THE MAY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF WHITNEY PIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month May 14,1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Parish Centre, James St.
S. & L. RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2nd Tuesday each month, Railway Stn. Louisbourg, at 7:30 P.M.
ANNUAL INSPECTION - Whitney Pier Air Cadet Squadron 587 will be held at Holy Redeemer Parish Centre on Sunday May 10th, 1987 at 1:00 P.M. All welcome. The Drill Team recently took the Provincial Drill Team Trophy in Halifax last month.

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The Bell used in Holy Redeemer Church was cast by Maneely Bell Co. of Troy N.Y., and weighed 3000 lbs. It Stands

NEIL "RIPPER" MacDONALD: (Retired Sysco Railway Engineer) - I remember my first 3 mile road race at the Pier. I was 15 or 16. Johnny Miles won the race and a runner by the name of Bill Taylor, North Sydney came in second, I got third. Johnny had won the Boston Marathon the year before. Taylor was a smoot runner, a 10 mile man. We started at Nathanson's (sponsor), thats around wher the Barrel Tavern is - the mile and a half ran to Matilda St. and returned. The 3 mile went to first brook and returned. It rained that morning and I remember how chafed the back of my legs got from my shorts - didn't have the materials you have today. I trained with Johnny Gillis (Duncan,from Dominion he'd beat me every time in training. Mr. Nathanson (Nate-C.J.C.B.) gave me a special prize for entering my first race one time, it was a fishing rod, for being the smallest entry - it was my first mile race, came third. Here I am 80 - just got home from skating out at the U.C.C.B. Good ice too.

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WHITNEY PIER LEGION BR. 128 made a start two years ago to revive the Victoria Day Races and will continue their revival again this year. Watch the local paper (C.B.Post) for details. You can bet Neil "Ripper" MacDonald will be the along with some other old time plodders like Danny Alleyn, Bill Lucas, Charli Wall, Tommy Miller, Gordie MacDougall, Archie MacRury, Jerome & Lenora Moe, Naomi Lucas, Eddy MacDougall,Ron Pearson & Artie Arthur.

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WHO CAN REMEMBER - Joey Mullins & Roy Appleton, Glace Bay Fire Dept. entries for years - Ben Buffett from New Waterford and Gilbert Mason who always carried an orange, or was it a lemon? They ran right up to their 60's, always finished. Harold Rose was another Pier competitor, Fred Compton, Con Olson, John Armstrong, Arnie Appleton. Come out to the races, show your support! and revive old memories - see you there.

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MRS. MARY PRONKO, 1972 - UKRAINIAN. I left my home in the UKRAINE in 1942, I left to look for my father who came to Canada in 1927 by boat. I was 3 or 4 then. He settled in Winnipeg for awhile and then came to Sydney in 1934, wher he worked on the Steel Plant. We came from LWIW, it is inland, no sea coast, went to Germany during W.W.11. The Germans on their way to Russia crossed our place and they took all the young girls and boys to work. I didn't go voluntarily, but if I didn't go they would take my mother, I had no choice, m sister she was married, thats why she didn't go, so I had no choice. I worked in Germany in different places, from factory to factory and in restaurants. I France I worked in NANCI, not far from the German border. I worked with anoth lady helping her do house work until I found my father. I came to Sydney in April 1948. I have two boys, two girls, two go to the Academy and two go to Halifax, Dalhouse in pharmacy. I learned from my mother when I was a little girl (8 or 9) stitching. I could get everything here, thread & material, and when I was 11,I made a blouse for school, and I still have that blouse. I use to wear it when we had UKRAINIAN Concerts. My girls wear that blouse, its falling apart now, I have to make a new one. (I would make them after school under the moonlight sitting by the window) - Courtesy, Beaton Institute.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (f)denotes (former resident)

Frank "Pinto" Wells	-65,	Scotchtown,N.W. (f)Henry St.	Apr. 8/
Rose (Melski) Belza	-60,	Winnipeg, (f) 95 Bay St.	Apr. 6/
Dr.Catherine "Kitty"Gallagher	-87,	1198 Victoria Rd.	Apr.15/
Alfred MacNeil	-21,	124 Bay St.	Apr.15/
Henry Robertson	-66,	120 Borden St.	Apr.18/
Orville Neville	-71,	Kingston Ont., (f)Dominion St.	Apr.13/
Paul Sirmay	-84,	Delhi, Ont., (f) Henry St.	Mar.20/
William "Bill"Crawley	-52,	Calgary, (f) 117 Bay St.	Apr.16/
Mary (Tetanish) Horechuk	-	152 Maloney St.	Apr.24/
John F. Coady	-72,	Sydney, (f) 95 Connaught St.	Apr.25/
Vivian Colbourne	-75,	1003 Victoria Rd.	Apr.28/

GUIDO PANCERIA-BILL DIRIBIO-BILL JARVIS
By CARLIN's Store on Victoria Rd., Imperial Hall across the street. 1937.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES to Joseph & Bernadette (Dominiqe) Sallazzo, former Whitney Pier residents now living on MacGuire Dr. Their family, 3 boys & 2 girls, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. CONGRATULATIONS

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MUSEUM OF CHURCHES: Good luck to Chairman of the Louisbourg Heritage Society, Bill O'Shea and his energetic group in their new concept. Believed to be the first such museum in North America, you can be sure that for an area its size, the churches of Whitney Pier will play an important if not unique role in any displays to be presented.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Paula Evans, daughter of Paul & Ann (O'Neill) Evans, Ranna Dr. (former 192 E.James St.) who was named female senior Athlete of 1986/87 at Mount Allison Univ. in Sackville, N.B.

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NICKNAMES

1."Cut" Kiley	A. Donald
2."Artie" Arthur	B. Charles
3."Abbey" Neville	C. Everett
4."Wiggy" MacEachern	D. Raymond
5."Frog" Pettipas	E. William
6."Blackout" Dalesandro	F. Albert
7."Jeep" Deturbide	G. Joseph
8."Bulldog"Drover	H. Eugene
9."Peppy" Delorenzo	I. Ernest
10."Curly" Grant	J. Francis

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PIER TALK - In 1925 or 26 ART McLAINE, Mercer St.(MacLeod's Lane) won the N.S. Welterweight Championship. He was trained by Collie MacPhail. Their gym was a room off Riley's store at the corner of Broadway & Victoria Rd.

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FISHERMAN'S PARADE - 1948
Photo-Jim Legge - Old Sydney Society

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ANNOUNCEMENT - Make plans for "WHITNEY PIER DAY" during Action Week, first week of August.(7th)

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NEIL R. MACARTHUR CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING GROUP - Consisted of 12 homes built on Matilda St. After a period of study sessions and meetings the group started construction in 1940 and in 1941 moved in. Lots cost $50.00 each and a loan of $1,650.00 was allowed each builder. Interesting to note that fireproof roofing shingles were not included in the estimates or the building code at that time (cedar shingles) and some builders paid extra for that. Participants were Mike Neville*; Louis Mombourquette*; Donald MacDonald*; Mickey A. MacDonald; Herb Hillier*; Jim Neville*; L.A.MacDonald; Dick Rogers; Bill George*; Rod Black*; Bill MacMillan* and Joe R. MacDonald; The location was called after a Dr. Prince and employee of the N.S. Housing Commission and has the distinction of being the third such group in C.B., after Tompkinsville and Sterling in the Glace Bay area. (*deceased). JOE LABEN was building instructor. WARREN FISHER used a double team of horses with a scoop to dig the basements and finished by pick and hand shovel. JOSEPH MARSHALL did the plastering ($60.00 a house). JACK CUSACK did the electrical work ($60.00 a house). DAVE BOUTILIER did the plumbing ($60.00 a house). The Group "chipped in" .25¢ a week (12.50) to pay FRANCIS BLACK to travel from house to house as helper instructor and advisor. NEIL R. MacARTHUR was the lawyer for the group.

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ANSWERS: 1 - D, 2 - C, 3 - B, 4 - A, 5 - J, 6 - I, 7 - H, 8 - E, 9 - G, 10 - F.

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THE CROATIAN ORCHESTRA
The members came from CROATIA, Yugoslavia in 1935 and 1936 an the orchestra was formed in 19 The instructor was brought fro Toronto. In 1940 they won firs prize in the Music Festival in Sydney with Sir Ernest MacMill as Adjudicator. They also auditioned on CBC (CBI) Radio. The Croatian Orchestra also pl at dances and concerts in the Industrial Area. Due to member moving away, the Orchestra disbanded in 1950. Most of the members are retired now, and t have passed away. Today CROATI STRINGS are only a treasured memory.(Photo Credit-Julie Dzai

, to R - JOE YELOVICH, TOM GRANICH, TANLEY MAYICH, FRANK & JOHN MARKOTICH, PETER YELOVICH, JOHN MAYICH

UBWAY TIGERS - SYDNEY JR. SOFTBALL LEAGUE:1948 - Roger Lake, Gerald Ford, alf Dallesandro, Stewart Gosse, Mickey oss, Val DePenta, Frank Hanko, Mike Mahoney, Wilson Clarke, Chuck Manley, Mickey Kennedy, Reid MacLean, Jim 'Flaherty; Coach Bam Melanosh - anager John Pino.

PIER TALK - I remember Warren Fisher, knew him all my life till he died. He owned the land on which the Radar Bas now stands. There used to be a lovely deep well on the property covered by little house. He hired a man, "Polish I believe" to dig potatoes and the bu got loose and attacked this poor man, and he managed to crawl into the well house where he died. Needless to say, as soon as Warren came home he shot bull, whose horns decorated his barn door for many years after.(Annie Poi

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (f)denotes former resident.

Bridget (Brophy) Crawley, 83	- 117 Bay St.	May 11/
Mary "Laurie"(Gillis) McCarron, 59,	(f,1128 Vict.Rd.) 14 Kane St.	May 13/
Bernard Leo MacDonald, 57	- 168 Mt. Pleasant St.	May 13/
Mary E. (Hennick) Candelora,	- Lingan Rd.	May 13/
Mary W. Gushue, 58	- (f, Wesley St.) in Toronto	May 20/
Helen MacLennan, 62	- 311 Borden St.	May 25/
Mrs. Sylvia Granich, 77	- (f,W.P.) 441 Birch Hill Dr.	May 24/
Annette Julia (Drohan) Parrish, 65	- (f, Bay St.) in Halifax	May 25/
Mrs. Doris I. (MacLeod) MacDonald, 74	- (f,Catherine St.)Ankerville St.	May23
Louis A. Antonello, 85,	- 20 East St.	May 29/
Mr. Margaret Tortola, 71	- South Bar	May 19/

WHO ARE THEY? AND WHAT WAS THEIR JOB? THEY WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP THAT YEAR - Answer next month.

BEST WISHES - To Goodman & Etta (Lipkus) David who left Sydney recently to reside in Thornhill, Ont. Goodman ran a grocery business on Victoria Rd. (where Triple - M is now). He was there from 1924 to 1968.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Joe & Ann (Potribny) Petitpas, 74 Lingan Rd., on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were married back on June 3, 1947 by Rev. C. Zarsky, and have three sons - Joseph, Robert and Gordon.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Cape Breton School Board Retirees - MIKE "Mickey" MacNEIL; DELORES (Jessome) GRAHAM; REGINA "Genie" (POWER) SUTHERLAND; and JAMES "Sham" MacDOUGALL.

MR. ROMAN SIWAK - One of the oldest members of the POLISH PARISH. " I l ft the old country when I was a little ov 16 years old and had to borrow a littl bit of money on my way to Canada. I we from home to Poland down through Ge ma to a Belgium Seaport and I took a big freighter to Quebec. I left on the 6th of June and arrived in Quebec on th l or 16th of June in 1907. The name of t freighter was "MOUNT ROYAL". It was hauling old freight, especially cat le and it took about 6 days to clean i u put new bunks in and make it ready for passengers. There were a lot of differ varieties of people on the boat, Po is Ukrainian, Arab, Syrians, God knows, an they all came to Canada. On the middle of the Atlantic she got quite rough some of the old people took sick, t ey couldn't recover, so they died. We got to Quebec, stayed overnight and dep rt the next day to Montreal, then to S dn I stayed with Mrs. Dziubeck's mother. When I got here the first thing I did was find a job at the Steel Plant. worked there a couple of months but I didn't like the stink of the gas so I went to work in the general yard. I wo in other parts of the Steel Plant." Special Thanks to Stephanie (Melnick) Bl for collecting this information from h Grandfather Mr. Siwak. Audio Tape a The Beaton Institute.

BACK ISSUES - PIER TIMES & PIER TI Special Thank You to supporter John J. Neville for his donation of $25.00 fo back issues of PIER TIMES & PIER TI S. Anyone out there who would care to ma a similar donation for the same offer (original copies while they last and then zeroxed copies). Write or call Pier Ties (539-8012).

PIER GROCERY STORES: Starting at the top of Broadway and Victoria Rd. RILEYS - N.P CAMPBELL- MORRISON & MacINNIS - STRANG (Later Rented to MacLEOD & MacNEIL) - MALCOLM MacLEODS - TUDORS - CARLINS (later rented to B. GOWAN) - MULCAHEY'S - BUFFETS - LEVITENS (two stores) - NEWMANS - LITTLE RED STORE - DA GALLIVANS - GAUMS - NATHANSONS - DAVIDS - CROWELL's (Managed by H. Chisholm) - CAMPBELL BROS. (one across from Casino - other on Lingan Rd.) - GIDEON PHILLIP WESTONS - SIMON DAVID - DELLA VELLAS Store (Rented) LOUIE MYERS -(later Mu ra Matheson's) - MENDLESONS - Tupper & Laurier St. & Lingan Rd. - CIPAK - A MARSH FRED REID - ROZELUK (Bobyk) GREEN - FRED WOWK - A BRAUN - DIPENTA - E. HIRSCH U. HIRSCH - RANNI - DELLAVALLE - GOYA - PARRIS - MELNICK - Did we miss any - Call 539-8012.

MENSWEAR - CLOTHING STORES - GAUM'S - GAVSIES - BRODIES - LANGS - GALLAY'S - SHERMANS - MAX EPSTEINS - HARRISONS - LEITHS

PIER TAILOR SHOPS - MR. DUCHEK - MR. BREWSTER - MR. BEST & SMITH - GREEN'S FURNITURE STORE , Victoria Rd.

EARLY BAKERIES - MARTINELLO'S - CARMICHAEL'S - DELVECCHIOS - BERNIES - DONOVANS - YURCZYSZYNS & GOLBERTS.

The Elders of St.James Presbyterian Church (Now Trinity United Church) at the corner of Victoria Rd. & Matilda St. in 1909.
Bottom L - R -N.P.Campbell,Rev. John MacIntosh, Rev. A.J. MacDonald, Mr.Fife, Norman Gillis. Top L -R -Fred MacInnis, Angus MacPherson, A. MacInnis, Mr.Bears, Angus MacLeod, Mr. Murchison.
The Church was built in 1907. The first Pastor was the Rev. A.J.MacDonald,and he was succeeded by Rev. John MacIntosh in 1909, who ministered there for twenty six years. He was fatally injured when struck by an automobile while on his way to the church in 1935. (The photo is from an original owned by Mrs. Nellie (Campbell) MacLellan of 1425 Victoria Rd.)

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PIER TALK - I remember the Chandler family who lived at 1130 Victoria Rd. where Mamie Gillis now lives. They were all born at the Pier. Wallace, Chad, Bill, Maude, Martha, Marion, Lena, Nora and Tena. Often wonder what became of them.

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PLEASE NOTE - There is no charge for the PIER TIES, it is free, yet there are costs. A Federal grant has helped in this respect, but the grant will be exhausted by November. Therefore, other means of continuing support must be found, perhaps even selling rather than giving.

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ANSWERS - A-4; B-9; C-5; D-1; E-10; F-8; G-2; H-6; I-3; J-7

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GEORGE MacEACHERN - An Autobiogra The story of a C.B. Radical, "An Excellent Description of the Work Class of Cape Breton." 1920's and ($9.95 soft cover).

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JULY 1st, 1923 - The Steelworkers in Sydney turns ugly. Today becomes known as "Bloody Sunday". Provincia police ride on horseback up and dov the streets of Whitney Pier and st out with four foot hardwood batons everyone on the sidewalk. This incl a number of women and children comi from church. The RIOT ACT is read a volleys fired over the crowds, who disperse when a machine gun is set In a later inquiry it is revealed t the Provincial Police were to "put a show" and aggravate the workers. Credit - Pam Newtons C.B.Book of Ia

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BRONZE MEDAL AWARD-1892: Years ago v the old Neville house on Neville St. was being torn down, they came acro Bronze Medal. A letter from the Roya Humane Society in London, England gi an extract from case book 1892 Case #26213. Michael Neville, Salvor and James Carlin as saved with the follo summary. "On March 1st 1892 at 4 P.M Sydney. C.B. While driving across th ice in his trap, the ice gave way ur him and to prevent himself from sink he held to his horse. Mr. Neville wa driving some distance behind, he ran Mr. Carlins assistance and or near t break he crawled on his hands and kn taking off his overcoat, he threw on end out which was caught by Mr. Carl and he was saved." Witness - The Minister of Marine at Ottawa -Succes Date when paid 30th Nov. 1892 sent b Post to the Deputy Minister of Marin Ottawa, Canada. Award - Bronze Medal

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT - The Imperial Ha was one time the County School, tha where I began school at age 7. It wa a one large room affair with all th grades in the same room. When we started at Whitney School the fee f County kids was $2.00 for the first half year, then the same for the la half. I was always afraid to get in Miss Stalker's class, but it never c to pass. (Annie "Anderson" Poirier)

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PIER STREETCLEANER - What ever happened or became of the little clean up push cart that Eddy Scantlebury used to keep Victoria Rd. so neat and tidy,much more so than it is today with the big mechanical sweepers. I wonder if the City fathers would donate the cart to the Whitney Pier Museum - or is it still around? Would be a good time for a who has the cleanest street contest, (Prince or Victoria Rd.). First prize - SATISFACTION AND PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA. Other Pier Street Cleaners were Leo Crawley, Malcolm Fleet, Jimmy & Johnny Jamieson and a Mr. Mouland.

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"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"??? What were they for you? 15,25,40 or 60 years ago? Whatever the number, give some thought about growing up in Whitney Pier when you could find 2 movie theatres, 7 Churches, 1 Synagogue, 4 bakeries, 1 dairy (Hirsch's), 42 grocery stores, 4 drugstores, 3 restaurants, 1 hotel, barber shops, 2 ship supply stores, 4 schools, 1 Convent school for girls, a domestic coal depot, a Government Wharf (off Broadway), a swimming beach (John S's), several blacksmith shops, 4 tailor shops, shoe stores, butcher shops along with 3 hardware stores, 1 sheetmetal shop, a mens wear store, ladies wear store, a ladies hat shop, a jewellery store (Feders), gas stations, several car repair shops, an ice cream parlour, 2 post offices, four Doctors offices, a lawyers office. Several family-wear stores, a five and dime store, several dressmakers, pool rooms, bowling alleys, turkish bath house. To sum up, the time was,when about the only thing you really had to go "to town" for,was to pay yourtaxes, and when you did, you went through what must have been Canada's first and only Subway.

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NICKNAMES

1."Honey" Long	A. Gloria
2."Hootsie" Yurczyszyns	B. Helena
3."Dud" Davis	C. Sandra
4."Tuddie" Roett	D. Roy
5."Chi-Chi"(Parris)Petitpas	E. Neil
6."Lefty" Hewak	F. Stephen
7."Bucky" Muldoon	G. Michael
8."Boxer" Rolls	H. John
9."Aeo"(MacDougall)MacLean	I. Edward
10."Cubie"Mombourquette	J. Daniel

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Ross MacLeod, Bellerica, Mass., USA
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Bill & Lillian Hickey, Sydney Rive
Robert Evans, Truro, N.S.
Alice Morrison, 72 Catherine St. W P.
Ellen(Gallagher)McNamara, North Sy
Dr. & Mrs. D.M.Sinclair, Halifax
Helen Durdle, New Waterford
Ruth Evans, Matilda St. W.P.
A.E. Kingsbury, Stellarton, N.S.
Duncan MacKay, Matilda St. W.P.
Everett Johnston, Willowdale, Ont.
Cyril Dalton, Edmonton, Alta.
Mildred (Bennett) Sheppard,
Gerald "Flick" Hartigan, Ben Eoin
Rachel Sheppard,(Morrison),Catheri
Archie Walsh, Sydney River
Margaret Lundrigan,
Jennie(Taylor)Wainwright,203 St.Pe er
Rev.R.G. MacNeil, Ottawa. (Rd. Sy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: WHITNEY PIER DAYS PI NI
On Saturday August 8th (Action Week
Picnic 1 - 4 P.M., with a dance from
9 - 1 at St. Albans Hall.

UKRAINIAN WEEK - CANADA DAY FLAG RA SI
Ceremony at the Ukrainian Park (betwee
Swan & Webster St.) 12 noon on Wedne
July 1st - Also Mini Carnival with
various Ethnic Entertainment. July 2nd
Tennis Tournament (final playoffs at
Pier). July 3rd - Beer Garden on te ni
court. July 4th - Supper Dance at h ll
$35.00 a couple. July 5th - Church
services 10A.M., Anniversary dinner at
the hall 12 noon.

PIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Meeting at
James St. portables Thursday June 1 th
7 P.M. Antique showings from Martin
Carroll collection preceded by a Pot
Luck Supper. Last meeting till Septemb

THE YAVIR UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE f
Toronto.Saturday June 27th, 7:30 P.M.
Sydney Academy - Tickets $7.00.

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The Y.M.H.A. of Whitney Pier was open to Jewish Servicemen stationed at Debert, Aldersho and Victoria Park. This was t only Y.M.H.A. east of Montrea at the time and the second in Canada. We had dances four nights a week and they spent time with many of the familie in the area. They attended services at our two Synagogue So many of the servicemen wer musical, and the Y.M.H.A. put on a Minstral Show to showcas their talent and the local talent. (Picture, Courtesy of Evelyn (Moraff) Davis.)

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Row 1 Back: Sam Sherman; Vicki Hofflazer; Honey Rusakov; Eva Greenberg; Edith Hirsch; Sarah Mendleson; Evelyn Moraff; Beryl Moraff; Eva Konick; Sam Mendleson; Hannah Mandelbaum; Max Lubetsky. Row 11 - Newman Dubinsky; Eva Fine; Shirley Moraff; Edith Wolfson; Dina Cohen; Ettie Sherman; Shirley Wolfson; Lena Zametsky; Lil Lighter; Louis Mendleson; Sylvia Glickman; Irving Perlin.
Row 111 - Max Keningsberg; Louie Seigel; Pearl Dolphin; Reuben Goldstein; Shirley Perlin; Sam Sherman; Lena Mendleson; Harry Jacobson; Lil Winters; Martin Winters; Ephriam Feder.

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POLAR BEAR 1942 - Front - Lally (Charlotte) Keating; Tony Raven*; Robert Evans. Back - Rose Marie Keating; Cecila MacDonald; Theres Keating; Rhoda MacDonald; Eileen Gallivan. *Tony was a young Briti seaman, who, like so many others w dropped off at the Sailors Home o Dominion St. when their ships wer torpedoed. He later lost his life when his ship went down at sea. Photo - C. (Keating) Coleman.

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CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES -

TO Parishioners of HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CHURCH on their 75th ANNIVERSARY.

HARRY & JEAN (DEWAR) FRASER on their 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, June 28th, 1987.

ARCHIE & BEATRICE (BROWN) MacRURY, on their 30th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY June 18, 1987

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT -
Charley & Audrey Hopkins, Sydney
Evie (Hopkins) Gugins, Kingston, Ont.
Bertie (Hopkins) Mills, Surrey, B.C.
Lewis Rudderham, Edwardsville
Merrit Richardson, South Bar
Selma (Rudderham) & Gord Doucet, West.
Lena (Chandler) Capitaine, Ashby
Paul Carroll, Braintree, Mass.
Henry Martell, Prince St. Sydney
Annie Schella, Whitney Pier
Irene (Roberts)Mombourquette, Ont.
Margie Hickey, Newmans Hardward, WP
Greg MacNeil, Dominion
Carol MacKay, 96 West St. W.P.
Annie (Anderson) Poirier, Gray St.Syd.
Myrtle Burchell, Pt. Edward
Bertha (Keller)Rudderham, Toronto
Nina Riley, 78 Mount Pleasant
Annie Falconer, Franklin St. W.P.
Mary & Tom Swatko, Swan St. W.P.
Bill & Peggy Fewer, Matilda St. W.P.
Michael MacCormack, Prime Brook
Martha Cameron, St. Ann's St. W.P.
Kaye MacDonald, South Bar (Dominion St
John Fraser, Recreation Dir., Sydney
Maurice & Elizabeth Dickson, Mira Ferry
Ruby (Furdas) Antle , Cornwall, Ont.
George Babineau

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SWIMMING AT ENGLISH'S LAKE and skating on it in the winter time. On the way out to the lake got a drink of water at the cold water tap on Maloney St. Next stop for a drink of water was a little spring further on. At first hill was Jimmy Costello's property where he made and sold to the stores "Costello's Home Made Bread" - Good Too.
We swam off first shore we called Totin shore. The shore next to us was called Coke Oven shore. The lake was deep in spots, some parts you could stand up and have a rest, all high spots like little hills. There were a few drowning accidents out there.

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MORE ON THE "TOBY GANG" - The first bunch to come through TOBY's (John Tobias) doors when he first opened on the corner of Mt. Pleasant & Vict Rd., came across the street from Rizock's Pool Room, where Eileen's Dress Shop is now. They came to buy hamburgers at .10¢, pop .10 ¢, milk .05¢ and Krim Ko which first came from Hirch's Dairy on Henry St. They also played the pinball machines and the nickelodeon. These earliest members of the "TOBY GANG" included LEO HAYES, NED & PAT CAREW, TOM GILL, ED ROWE, MICK MOORE, GEORGE MILES, RAYMOND OAKES, DON CLEARY. Hope to see some of you guys that can make it to the "TOBY GANG" street re-union at 10 A.M. on Saturday August 8th, during Action Week. PIER TIES photographers will be there to record this unique street reunion. Editor.

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I REMEMBER: (Annie Anderson Poirier) The first Pentecostal meeting was held above Hymie Moraff's store, the minister was Rev. Strong. Later when Rev. Esler took over he built a church across the street, which is now an apartment building. There was also a Methodist Church on the corner of Vict. Rd. & Wesley St., where Branch 128 Legion now stands, and the old Salvation Army Corps. at 928 Vict. Rd. (now an apt. house). One night in the 20's I was staying at my sisters place on West St. A severe thunder storm came up and lightening struck and split the steeple of St. Mary's Polish Church.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - The family of Ronald & Sadie (Pembroke) Buckles, who lived at 24 Seaview St. John Dan Hughie, Mickey, Ronald James, Angus and Bernie.

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NICKNAMES

1. "Buddy" Bowes	A. Raymond
2. "Buddy" Gallivan	B. Leo
3. "Buddy" Dalton	C. Alexander
4. "Buddy" Keating	D. Walter
5. "Buddy" Best	E. Austin
6. "Buddy" Kehoe	F. Cyril
7. "Buddy" Keough	G. Ralph
8. "Buddy" Bennett	H. Lionel
9. "Buddy" Meade	I. Andrew
10. "Buddy" Hyndman	J. Whitney
11. "Buddy" Kozera	K. Gregory

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SPINNING FROLIC - A group of women from Holy Redeemer Parish enjoying a Spinning Frolic at Mrs. John F. Campbell's on the top of MacLean St. in the early 1930's This was being held in conjunction with the Annual Parish Bazaar taking place in the Imperial Hall. Front - Mrs. John F. Campbell, Mrs. Duncan Gillis, Mrs. Hugh MacNeil, Mrs. Peter Gillis. Back - Mrs. Joe Morrison, Mrs. John MacMullin, Mrs. Wall, Cassie MacLean, Mrs. Ronald Gillis, Mrs. Rod MacDonald.

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LINGAN ROAD BUS - Between the years 1952 & 1957 I was a regular passenger on the LINGAN RD. BUS. After 1957 I moved from Sydney and have completely lost track of the bus. Last summer we were in a little town in MEXICO, and used public transportation to go from the hotel to downtown shopping. We waited at a bus stop for 20 minutes or so, and low and behold, what came along but the old Lingan Rd. Bus. It looked a little dirty, a little more antiquated, various shades of non-descript metal and wood covering different sections of its worn body, several windows were broken and never replaced, its front grill was partly missing, as were both bumpers. Nevertheless, there it was, a different driver of course but all conditions brought back vivid recollections of the perils and hazards of travelling from Sydney to Lingan Rd. Barely aboard, the bus took off almost knocking us off our heels as we sought a seat. It roared right down the middle of the street, every so ofter screeching to a stop to let some one off or on. The pull cord to alert the driver that you wanted off didn't work, so a stout kick to the side of the bus had to make do. So many rememberances of those perilous drives to and from Whitney Pier. I do not know if there is still a bus service on Lingan Rd. now or how many buses replaced the one I rode on so many years ago, but it was truly a living experience that holds a special place in my memories, and always will, and besides, many buses have character. (Louise (Morrison) Gushue.)

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"PIER STORES" June Issue - Missed mentioning N.H. Gillis' (corner of Taylor & Vict.Rd.) Would like to hea about the team drivers at Gillis, Campbells, Davids & other "PIER STORES".

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SYDNEY POST RECORD - JUNE 26, 1937
The Broadway Scrubs beat the Dosco Ramblers 4 - 1 at the Broadway Diamond and took a two game lead for the "BUCKY SAMPSON SOCCER TROPHY". Thomas Robertson handled the game.

JULY 1st, 1937 - Murray Matheson hurles the Steel City Team to a 7 - 6 win over Glace Bay Miners. Rex Wright hit a triple with the bases loaded in the 5th, before a crowd of 3000 fans at Victoria Park. Sydney Lineup: E.Small 2B, Pignatelli SS, Dirubio 1B, C.Small CF, Panceria 3B, Wright RF, Foster LF, Conte C, Hickey P, Matheson P, Hazelton P.

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JULY 23, 1937 - ITALIAN CHURCH PICNIC & BAZZAR: At the Church grounds Whitney Pier. Special Attraction. Circus Chair Plane Swings. Spagetti, Real Italian Style. Grand Lottery Drawing. Emilo Pace & Orchestra in attendance for four nights. Admission for all - .10¢. Gates open at 7PM each evening.

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READER CONTRIBUTORS - Thank you to Paul Hollahan, Alex "Dewey" Manley, Leo Hayes, Billy MacPherson (former Borden St.)

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ANSWERS - A - 4, B - 8, C - 1, D - 11 E - 2, F - 3, G - 10, H - 5 I - 7, J - 9, K - 6.

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WHITNEY PIER PIRATES
1947 COLLIERY LEAGUE CHAMPS
This picture was taken at the Cape Breton Sports Centre Billy King & Gerald "Gubby" Gallivan were the bat boys.
June Issue -
Front L - R-Billy Farrell,Mik Paruch,C, Danny Mombourquette CF, Anthony "Lefty"Russell P, Gus Vickers,Coach, Jim Dawson Mike Cipak, Abbie Libbus, Art Stevens,P, Back L-R-Peter Doubley, "Bam" Melanosh,Gerald Dalton, Bernie French, FB, Howie Burt P, Joe Epifano, Oscar Seale, Tony Kolonko, Murray Matheson, Manager.

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VISITORS TO SCOUT CAMP - July 27,1937 Messrs. Allastair MacLeod, Duncan MacKay and Gordon MacLennan were visitors to the Trinity United Boy Scout Camp at Blackett's Lake on Sunday.

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MOTOR OUTING - July 29, 1937 - A Party of local people enjoyed a motor outing and picnic at East Bay recently. Included in the party were Mr.& Mrs. Harry Heartz; Mr. & Mrs. H.M.HYNDMAN, Mr.& Mrs.H.W.A. Trew, Miss Florence Buchanan, Miss Jeanne Hyndman, Mrs. Lewis MacLeod (Jen) and Mrs. H.W. Dingwall (Ethel Dickson.)

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STAR THEATRE - BIG DOUBLE BILL - July 3, 1947 - Lone Star Moonlight with Ken Curtis Hoosier Hotshots. Also the Mysterious Mr. Valentine, starring Wm. Henry and Lynda Sterling. Also a Serial.

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PIER TALK - I had steady customers all around the "Bee Hive", sold ba s of firewood, along with used news- papers. They were used for starting the fire, but mostly to cover the floor after scrubbing, which was usually done on Saturday mornings. Wouldn't be much good now with all the ink they use. We played ball i MacCarthy's field on the "Dump Road" (behind N.H.Gillis')

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ANNOUNCEMENT - PIER PICNIC, AUGUST 8th, 1 to 4 PM, Neville Park - Live entertainment, pop, hotdogs, ice cream, sandwichs - Dance St. Albans Hall 9 to 1 PM. PIER TIES Hats & Shirts will be on sale also.

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HELP LINE - Sponsored by Inner City Churches Society for Sydney & Area Call 539-4357 (539-HELP) between 8PM and 8AM. Volunteers needed - Call 539-7800.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (f)denotes former resident

Terrance W. Pearson, 35	- 140 Shore Rd.	June 7, 1987
John Thomas Johnstone, 69	- 94 Fisher St.	June 11, 1987
John Francis (Slim) O'Handley, 77	- (f,James St.) Oakville,Ont.	June 14, 1987
Lillian (Joseph) Bennett, 79	- 273 Royal Ave.	June 22, 1987
John A. MacMaster, 61		June 22, 1987
John R. Hamilton, 41	- Woodstock, N.B.	June 15,1987
John Turnbull, 90	- 1249 George St.	June 21, 1987

(John was well known in the Pier. For many years he drove the "Loop Bus" - down Broadway, across Shore Rd., or was it St. Anns St. Up Dominion St. to Victoria Rd.,back to top of Broadway.)

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PIER Ties

CAMPERS FROM HOLY REDEEMER GIRLS CAMP - AUGUST 1951

Camp Director - Fr.Reg Macl
Front - ?, Annette MacDon
Theresa Dwyer, James "Sham
MacDougall, Leola Power,
Frances Barrington.
Back - Mary "Cuddles" Mac
Cormack, Margie MacNeil, B
Gallivan, Olga MacDougall,
Mary Proctor, Carol Marie
Campbell, Gertie Ryan.

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Anyone recognize these two young fellows who were snapped back in 1948, in front of Skipper LeDrew's store (next to Imperial Hall where Mike Hootseys now live). They were on their way to Sunday School. (Photo - Bob Evans, Truro.

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CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

As part of Action Week Activities - THE CARIBBEAN DAY FESTIVAL will be given by St. Philip's Altar Guild on Monday August 3rd - From 12 Noon to 6 P.M., in the Church Yard on Hankard St. Whitney Pier.
The Festival will feature the sale of West Indian Food (Chicken & Rice, Black Pudding, etc.); Games of chance & merchandise Bingo; Cabbage Patch Doll Contest at 2 P.M. and Drawing on Raffle on $100.00 Bill. Continuous Calypso Music from 12 - 6 P.M., and Eddie Parris Band will play from 7 - 9 P.M.
EVERYONE WELCOME

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ATHANSONS ICE CREAM PARLOUR & STORE

hey had fancy backed chairs and small round tables, it was so nice to go in for a dish of ice cream after a show at hattars Theatre. The building later was Peters Book Store. (Annie Poirier)

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ANSWERS - 1(f), 2(c), 3(e) 4(j), 5(d), 6(g), 7(i), 8(a), 9(b), 10(h).

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The year was 1913 and these 40 children, many of them now senior citizens, dutifully lined up on the steps of Whitney School for a group picture. The First Great War seems far removed from these earnest looking scholars, but it reached out only two years later to take the life of the boy seated on the end of the first row. D. MacInnis. He was killed in France in 1915. In the photo are (l to r) lst row: G.MacAulay, Jennie Halliday, Dollie MacLeod, Emily MacLean, Jessie MacAlpine, Ethel Hills, Beulcia Anesty, Mary MacLeod, I. MacInnis. 2nd row: D.MacAulay, Mansfield McCoy, Annie MacInnis, Murial Richardson, Fannie Lamont, Georgina Morrison, Harris Anesty, Bob MacNeil, Bob Carmichael, Vincent Clifford; 3rd row: Elsie Smith, Gladys Stevens, Lulu Rockwood, May Robertson, Jessie MacLellan, Sadie MacLeod, John Pride, Gordon Halliday, Arthur Dawson; 4th row: Sydney Spraklin, Gillis Murchison, ?, Jackson, Leslie Stevens, Joe Jacobson, Angus MacLeod, Allan MacLeod, Graham Rogers. Seated in front are William Daye & William House.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The Family of Mrs. Daisy Parris of 47 Laurier St. Sydney, invite Friends & Neighbours to attend an "OPEN HOUSE" on Saturday Aug. 22/87, from 3 to 6 P.M., on the occasion of her forthcoming 90th Birthday. Celebration will take place at the home of her daughter, Thelma Nobrega, 33 Laurier St. W.P. Her children are: Beryl Braithwaite; Muriel Brown (Toronto); Cecil Parris; Thelma Nobrega; Eddie Parris & Pamela Parris. "EVERYONE WELCOME"

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THEN & NOW - Mr. N.P. Campbells "Lucky Store" 1423-25 Victoria Rd. W.P., around 1910 and on opposite page as it is in 1987. Mr. Campbell's daughter, Nellie MacLennan still lives in the apartment upstairs, and a grand-daughter lives downstairs.

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TRINITY MINSTRELS - 1944 - November

The COMMUNITY HOUSE was filled to capacity last evening when the Trinity Minstrels were presented under the direction of Fred Scott, with Mrs. Mae Hyndman at the piano. The setting was particularly attractive and the various choruses were sung with a professional snap and precision. Duncan MacKay was interlocuter and the end men were Messers Johnes, Strickland, Pike & MacInnis. These gentlemen carried the comedy of the show in true minstrel fashion. Featured solists were Miss Alta Cossitt, Mrs. Jessie MacDonald, Fred Scott, Rod MacKenzie and the Orpheus Quartette. Lloyd MacInnis entertained with conjuring. Eldon Meikle was also featured. The chorus made up chiefly of the members of the Trinity Choir and presented a picturesque picture in their smart gowns which added color to the setting. The show will be repeated this evening and is well worth seeing.

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First ANNUAL VETERAN's HOSPITAL PACE - TARTAN DOWNS - Thursday Sept. 24,1987, plus draw on 12" T.V.

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NICKNAMES

1. "Barry" Scantlebury -Bill
2. "Lefty" Blackman -Joseph
3. "Luke" Lucas -Everton
4. "Carph" D'Intino -Michael
5. "Dee" Dipenta -Ethelston
6. "Lupp" Rhyknick-George
7. "Caulkins" Dobruski-Kaz
8. "Boulia" Bobyk -Charles
9. "Gibbons" Manchefski-Frar
10. "Dossie" Roberts -Carmen

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"TOBY GANG STREET REUNION'
Saturday, Aug. 8th, 10 A.M
Victoria Rd. Ward V - Rain
or shine.

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REV.EMIDIO D'INTINO was th
first Italian Priest ordai
in the Diocese of Antigoni
He served at the Pier 194
1975. He died in Californi
Oct.8, 1986 at age 76.

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MURAL Painted on the wall
the leisure men's room at
the James St. Portables.
See if you can pick out -
Harry Muldoon, Chum Walsh
Mick Graham, Phonse & Roy
Jessome, Abbey, Ashey, Ji
& Mike Neville, Roddy Bla
Donnie Campbell, Lauchie
MacDonald, John Fraser, D
MacLeod, Roy Nichol, Jack
Hawco, Manning MacDonald,
Boxer Rolls, Ray MacIsaac
Stan Wadden. (Painted by
Charlie Dawe, Maloney St.

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PLAQUE from the recently
demolished Whitney School.
Anyone out there know wher
this came from? Thank you
Archie MacKinnon (City of
Sydney, Purchasing) and
demolition man Stan Dicks
for their concern in the
Whitney Pier Historical
Society, in their(search)
request for mementos.

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DEMOLITION - Along with
Whitney School, the BREWS
Bldg. on Victoria Rd. was
demolished in July - the
last tenants were SWAN
LUNCH & the BIKE SHOP.

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" A MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

A few people may still be around who will remember seeing Shakespeare's play, "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" when it was staged at Brookdale, Whitney Pier, on the evening of Aug. 25, 1915, others may recall having heard about it.

Brookdale was part of the old John S. MacLennan's estate, "John S's" where the "First Brook" of John S's Brook ran through the property. The stage and auditorium were situated on the sloping banks of the brook where the open air pageant was presented. The performance was under the distinguished patronage of Mr. & Mrs. John S. MacLennan, Mrs. J.K.L. Ross, His Worship and Mrs. W.W. Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. John R. McIsaac, Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Martin, and Mr. & Mrs. D.H. McDougall. The cast was comprised of the best local talent and included such names as Miss Gussie Muggah, Miss Nellie Jacobs, Mrs. W.H. Cuzner, Miss Martina Burgey, Mr. J.L..MacDonald, Mr. Harry Grant, Miss Ilma Richardson, Mr. George Topshee, Miss Mary MacDonald, Miss Sarah MacDonald, R.C. McLellan, Frank Travers, Joseph Bates, Anthony MacMillan, James Cameron, Frank Trabilsee, Malcolm MacDonald, Thomas Mulcahey and Master Gerald Richardson. Mr. Kieran Kelty directed the production and Professor A.F.MacKinnon was musical director. "There were four thousand people present by actual count". John S. MacLennan's estate is long since gone. John S's Brook is there. The site of the amphi-theatre is overgrown and barely discernible, young boys & girls used it as a play area for years. (Today teenagers frequent the area). John S's Brook and field are full of memories for many people and "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" is one of them. (Submitted by William G.Snow)

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LIEUT. JOSEPH MALINOWSKI - Graduated this week (date needed) from the Officers Training School at Brockville Ont. Joe is well known in Cape Breton, but not as Lieut. Malinowski. Joe gave up a promising ring career when he entered the Army. Last year (date) when he was a Corporal he fought a stirring duel with another soldier, LEN WADSWORTH in the Canadian Army ring finals in Toronto. Wadsworth, the Canadian middleweight champion won, but only after a stiff test. Joe appeared before a Sydney fight crowd early last year (date) in an exhibition bout with Joe Nemis of New Waterford. His appearance was billed as a side-show to the NICK MELNICK - ED SHEVLIN bout, but the lanky soldier stole the show. A return bout with Wadsworth was called off when Joe was stricken with appendicitis. After that he dropped from the fight scene and moved up in the army. Maybe you remember him better as "DUKE HENDERSON". Anyone out there with Joe's address - I would like to send him some copies of the PIER TIES.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT -

Catherine (Hickey)Curtis, Downsview.
Evelyn (MacDonald) MacLean - Vict.Rd
Hughie Phillips, East Broadway
Elmer Rolls, Vancouver, B.C.
Mamie (Forgarty) MacNeil, Ashby
Henry Martell, South Bar
Lillian Gill, 19 Giffen St. W.P.
John & Annie Urquhart, Margaret St.
Betty (Rice)Polegato, Sherwood Dr.
"The Hirsch Girls" Minnie & Edie (Nathanson)
Shirley & Mike Ardelli, Sherwood Dr.
Stan Mayich, Box 1008,Stellarton
Mike Mulak, North Bay, Ont.
Mary (Campbell) Broley, West Hill,Ont.
Euphima (Campbell) Crane, W.P.

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DON'T FORGET - PIER PICNIC
Aug. 8th,1 - 4 PM,Neville Park.
Dance St. Albans Hall 9 - 1 PM.

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Carved into "THE ROCK" at JOHN S's - and do you remember the spring nearby? "ROLLS - May 1925" - "Aug. 6 - BERT CAMPBELL, WALLACE WAYE" - 1928 - "LEO McINNIS - BUD GALLIVAN".

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:(f) denotes (former resident)
Shirley A. Alleyne, 52 - 10 William St. July 7, 19[illegible]7
Bessie (Etheridge)Nicholson, 67 -(f-1170 Vict.Rd.) in California June 27,19[illegible]7

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Just as Wentworth Park is a favorite photo location today, so too was the BANDSHELL on Dominion St., and here is the Wedding Party of WILLIAM & HELEN (KASPRZK) ROZICKI on July 18, 1929. Others in picture (seated in front row) John Dilney; Jennie & Minnie Paruch; Kay Rozicki & Stella Paruch. Bridesmaids are - Anne Mahalik & Sophie (Starzomski) Marziaz. Ludwig Chualupa; ? Peinsznski; Helen Blazey; Joe Zavac; Joseph Zagorski; Stanley Wiwer; Agnes (Durkacz) Huk; Caroline & Mary Sieperski; Mary Paruch; Mary Rozicki; John Stricky; Mr. & Mrs. Dilney; Walter Sieperski; Joseph Paruch; Frank Rozicki; Joe Czyz.

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JULY 24,1937 - Miss Lillian MacLeod of the staff of the Casino Theatre has resumed her duties after spending her vacation at South Bar. She was a guest of her friend Miss Ena Durrah.

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AT THE CASINO - July 26, 1937
Jeanette MacDonald & Clark Gable in San Francisco.

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COLLIERY LEAGUE - 1948
Manager - Murray Matheson; Club Director-Flick Hartigan; Coach - Gus Vickers. Players - Lefty Russell, Mike Chipak, Jim Dawson, Mike Paruch, Danny Mombourquette, Tony Kolonko, Tom Miller, Wiggy MacEachern, Joe Epifano, Howie Burt, Bernie French, Peter Doublett, Bill Farrell.

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ABOUT 1920

Dominion St. was the end of the line for the Pier Tram run, and the end of the Tram service to the Pier was Oct. 14, 1931, after 30 years service. The man on the left is W.C. Shaw (Loch Lomond) - other two unidentified. Thank you to Helen (Shaw) Lundrigan for the Historic photo.

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ANSWERS - 1 -I; 2 -D; 3 -G; 4 -J; 5 -H; 6 -C; 7 -A; 8 -K; 9 -B; 10 -F; 11 -E.

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FUTURE TIES ?

The Board of Directors will be meeting soon to discuss further the future of THE PIER TIES. Any ideas put forward by any interested person or persons would be greatly appreciated. Contact any of the members of the Board.

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ST. MARY'S POLISH CHURCH

The Chair People involved in organizing events for the upcoming 75th Anniversary of St. Mary's Polish Church, have been meeting on a regular basis. Mrs. Irene Melnick, one of the Committee Members would like to have the names and addresses of former parishioners, near and far, in order to include them in our festivities. This information could be left at the back of the Church, or St. Mary's Polish Rectory. The founding day of St. Mary's is September 8th, and will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary during the year of 1988.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

Lawrence & Karen Hartigan, Martensville, Sask.
Cheryl(MacNeil)&John J.MacDonald,Syd.
Peter & Mary Pronko, Muggah St.,W.P.
Danny Halloran, Kingston, Ont.
Simon & Myrna(Dunn)Gillis, Sydney
Mick & Pat Drohan, Grove St.Syd.
Wally Travis, Enfield, N.S.
Charlie & Theresa Barrington, East Bay
Charles Dawe, Maloney St. W.P.
Gerry & Mary(Snow) Stubinski,Kanata,On

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BEST WISHES To Bill & Gertie (Madore) Bennett, Taylor St., on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on Sept. 6, 1937 at Immaculate Conception Church in Bridgeport by the late Rev. Charles MacDonald, with Leo MacDonald and Kathleen Jessome attendants.

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Belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sarah (Dwyer) Walsh, 118 Bay St. who celebrated her 97th on August 8th. Is Sarah Whitney Pier's most senior citizen?

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Forgot to mention Moraffs Grocery which was next to Mansons Drug Store. Also G.D. Phillips had a store next to Eddy Joseph's Barber Shop.

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MAY - 1937: Bill from W. Fendler, Plumber, 59 Hankard St. Ph. 792L - 9½ lbs. of lead waste $1.71; and 10 hours labour - $7.50.

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JUNE 11, 1913 - 12:30 P.M.

The devastating James St. fire started in Holy Redeemer Church and quickly spread to consume the Convent, 30 homes and the Fire Station. (next to Pat Gallivans present home) Photo Credit - Art Bates.

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NICKNAMES

1. "Bubbles" Caddle	A. Frank
2. "Dewy" MacNeil	B. Michael
3. "Digger" Putt	C. Lawrence
4. "Tally" MacNeil	D. Joseph
5. "Chippy" Green	E. Ralph
6. "Lula" Tull	F. Lena
7. "Fats" Keough	G. Gerald
8. "Lip" MacNeil	H. Fitzroy
9. "Meadows" Drohan	I. James
10. "Bunny" MacDougall	J. Tally
11. "Chickie" Head	K. Gerard

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PIER FAMILIES - Charles & Beatrice (Bonell) MacDonald's family had 11 girls and 7 boys (15 living today). They have 32 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

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Adam & Louisa (Rolfe) Head had 16 children, (12 living today) - 41 grand children and 35 great grand-children.

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John & Mary (Sinyard) Gosse had 21 children. They lived handy Villa Nova School. 7 boys & 7 girls survive today. Also 53 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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Louis & Jean (Muise) Mombourquette had 15 children. (3 deceased). 45 grandchildren and 21 great grand-children.

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I REMEMBER - (Annie Anderson Poirier) Whitney School was down across the street between the present Fire Station and the Salvation Army Officers House (Cor. Vict.Rd. & Church St.) This was before they built the other Whitney School, there was only one school, later they built the second one handy to Cameron St. The old foundation (acros the street) remained for many years.

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BEST WISHES to Entrepreneurs Andre and Fabian Poulain on the formation of their new business, which will be called CANADIAN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES LTD. (C.C.T.L.), and will operate from a newly renovated house on Summit St., and will be called Summit Professional Centre. The house, one of the oldest in the PIER, at one time faced Henry St. Andre & Fabian are sons of George & Judith (Donovan) 67 Mt. Pleasant St.

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WHO CAN REMEMBER St. Stephens Hungarian Church which was on Tupper St. and was moved to Lingan Rd. around 1920.

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S. & L. RAILWAY REUNION: Sunday, Sept. 13th, 2 P.M., at the Railroad Station Museum, Main St. Louisbourg. Refreshments, special entertainment, EVERYONE WELCOME.

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UNIQUE SERVICE - May 9,1939
Whitney Pier News - (Sydney Post)
Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock a very unique service was held at Victoria United Church, when the mortgage and bond which was on the parsonage was burnt. Rev. F. Friggens, the Pastor presided and a very enjoyable programme was presented. After the programme was concluded, Mrs. William Ackerman & Mrs. J. Hodder then proceeded with the burning of the mortgage. When this ceremony was concluded Rev. Mr. Friggens addressed the gathering and pronounced the Benediction.

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1920's ??
Located across the street from the Imperial Hall was CARLINS GENERAL STORE (Post Office later). The man with the bowler hat and dark suit is John Leo Bates and the lady in front is a Mrs. Smith. Last store at that location was run by Fred Dye & Mrs. Bernadette (Bates) Dye, and that family still resides there. Thanks to Art Bates for photo - Bates' lived across the street. Cor. James St. Also ran a store between house & Imperial Hall.

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"TOBY GANG" REUNION - Good turnout for the 1st Reunion in 35 years. Some balder, some stouter, but all with great spirit. Nice to see Billy O'Leary, Jim Dunn and Danny Holleran. Traveled all the way from Ontario for the street reunion get together. Talks of another one next year during Action Week.

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SCRUB - One, two, three, and so on down the line until the field was full of softball players intent on getting the first two players out, so they could advance to 1st base, pitcher, catcher and finally batter. Mickey Kennedy was hard on Burkes kitchen window (corner of James St. & Vict. Rd.), and many the game broke up when a window was broken, (Burkes or Hughie MacDougalls) - Does anyone play Scrub anymore?

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JACK KNIFE: Can you remember when every kid had a jack knife. As well as carving initials, whittling a stick or making a reed whistle, a popular pass time was "Jack Knife" with the many "Plays" - e.g. front of hand - back of hand - all the finger tips - milk the cow - knee and toe tips - forehead, nose, chin spank the baby - and what was the last and sometimes hardest play - jump the fence. Some guys could go through the whole series of plays without a hitch. Yo-Yo's came late in the 40's.

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READER RESPONSE: Yes, the Bill Laye collection of paintings are still on display at the Whitney Credit Union on Victoria Rd.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (f)denotes former resident.

Stella (Trogan) Bereta, 81 - 415 Cottage Rd.	July 26/87
Anna Belle (Rankin) Nichol, 89 - 47 Woodside Dr. (f) James St.	Aug. 4/87
William A. Critch, 72 - 103 Bay St.	Aug. 4/87
Mary C(Millie MacNeil) Boyle, 79 - 98 James St.	Aug. 5/87
Gregory H. Tataryn, 90 - Etobicoke, Ont. (f) West St.	Aug. 6/87
Ben Hawco, 65 - Cornwall, Ont.	Aug. 4/87
Dorothy (Mollon) Watson, 54 - Peterborough, Ont.	Aug. 11/87
Charles Crane, 63	Aug. 11/87
Alexander Morrison, 71 - 31 Cameron St.	Aug. 18/87
Isabel (Sheppard) Parsons, 76 - 148 Taylor St.	Aug. 20/87
Bessie (Coleman) Postlehwaite, 77 - 287 Borden St.	Aug. 27/87
Neil Daniel MacDonald, 26 - 1583 Victoria Rd.	Aug. 25/87
Edward Fewer, 89 - (f) Matilda St.	Aug. 29/87
Mary (Stephenson) Johnston, 76 - 50 St. Albans Ave.	Aug. 31/87
Mrs. Annie Pawziuk, 76 - 71 Swan St.	Aug. 31/87
Plummer Shaw - In Merritt, B.C.	Aug. 29/87

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COCKELL & SPENCER Store on Victoria Rd. between Whitney Pier School & Holy Redeemer Church. Picture taken 1901 approximately. Spencer sold out and a brother of H.A. Cockell bought in. The business was called "Whitney Pier Meat Market" Cockell Bros. The brothers were - Harry Archie Cockell & Ernest C. Cockell. This is the same building that houses the Pier Confectionery Store, formerly Johnny "Ducks" Hartigan Store (Corner Church St.& Vict. Rd.)

(Photo - Myrtle Burchell, Point Edward, Granddaughter of Mr. Cockell.

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P.T.BARNUM- Died in 1891 at the age of 81 after persuading the New York Evening Sun to run his obituary early enough so that he could read it before his death.

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(Photo- Leo & Margaret Mombourquette

Thats MICHAEL "Buckaroo"MOMBOURQUETT who lived above the Sydney Ship Supply on the corner of Dominion St. & Victoria Rd. J.S. "Jack"MacKinnons home and Barbershop in the backgrour The house is located now on 99 Connaught St. (Tim Hawco), and the shop is on the corner of Connaught St. & Victoria Rd. (Ashby Lunch).

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40th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Leo & Margaret (MacDonald) Mombourquette, 1336 Victoria Rd., wh were married in South West Margaree on November 4th, 1947. Attendants were Jennie (Baker) Clarke and Angus Gillis.

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SEPTEMBER ? 1939

Leon Scantlebury, 19 lost his life by drowning in English's Lake.

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HALLOWEEN Pranks - We used to unscrew light bulbs instead of breaking them, shinnied up the pole, some guys were good at it. Another time the boys put a cow in Arthur Cambridge's store (corner of Lingan Rd. & Laurier) and fed it water well laced with epsom salts One time we tied Hirsch's horse to the door knob (up short),so that when the door was opened the horses head went right in the open door, and frightened the life out of whoever answered the door.
When the boys built a coral and took the cows from Eli Hirsch's barn, put them in and put a bale of hay in with them, Sgt. Ranni was sent to investigate the complaint. After hearing of all the good care given to the rustled cows, the Sgt. asked the complainant, "goodness, did you expect them to milk the cows as well?".
Outdoor toilet tipping wasn't always saved for Halloween night, many's an unaware out-house user found that out.

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BEST WISHES - to BARRY YOUNG & JOHN SHEPPARD on the recent opening of "JANET's CONVENIENCE STORE" at 1539 Victoria Rd..Phone 562-3512. This was the former site of M. & R.Dairy, (Mack & Rosie Campbell) and before that Kennedy's Dairy.

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PIER TALK - I can remember my father talking about his work mates who lived in South Bar, skating to work in winter.

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Ross & Nancy MacLeod, Dominion St.
Mima(Johnstone)Stafford, Edson, Alt
Graham & Evelyn MacLeod, Manse St.
Florence (Burt) Anstey, Sydney River
Catherine Boutilier, 170 Gray St
Robert & Ruth(Fraser)Dingwall,So.Ba
Elsie (Dakai) Percy, Whitney Pier.

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March 3, 1947
Services were conducted by Rev. D.M Sinclair at Trinity United Church for JOHNENNA MAXWELL well known Whitney Pier woman. Burial was in Hardwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Calvin a Neville Gibson, Stanley Sheppard D Coward, Harold Kirtin and Lionel Ru

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Mike Stephenson remembers some forgotten automobiles that were once owned by PIER people during the 1920's.
Essex owned by J. Melnick and son Joe. Later they had a Graham-Paige.
Velia owned by Louis Antinello who purchased it from John Khattar.
Maxwell owned by the Kellers.
Moon owned by Frank Orkish who also had a Jewett.
Hudson owned by J. Nagy who purchased it from C.M. Rosenblum.
Nash owned by J. Nagy. It had wire wheels with two spares on the front fe de
Starr a runabout sports car with rumble seat. A Stutz owned by "Jiggy" Nag , and a Whippet owned by Mr. Brown.
Mike also remembers bowling on the "Hungarian Alleys". These open air bowli g alleys were made of concrete. There was one on Tupper St, near the brook, another on lower Lingan Rd. near Curry's Lane. Joe Keller's stepfather owned it, and there was another on Frederick St. near the brook, Nick Siller ran it. The cost was pennies per game.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: (f)denote fromer resident.

Terry (Baker) Beck, 59 (f) Ferris St.	Aug. 18, 87
Murdock "Babs" Young, 61 - 1553 Victoria Rd.	Sept. 6, 87
Annie (MacNeil) Kennedy, 75 - 120 Taylor St.	Sept. 20/87
Valerie (Carocci) Pittman, 35 - Keltic Dr.	Sept. 19, 87
Beatrice (Kozera) Brookman, 77 - (f) 1519 Victoria Rd.	Sept. 21, 87
Malcolm "Mac" Campbell , 58 - 210 E. Broadway	Sept. 24/87
Inez (Brook) Thomas, 86 - (f) 75 Tupper St.	Sept. 28/87
Gerald J. Yhard, 74 - 127 Kitchener St.	Sept. 30, 87
Mary E. (Keough) MacNeil - (f) French St., Sydney River	Oct. 3, 87
Bertha Rusakov - 151 Muggah St.	Oct. 5/87
James (Buzz) Desmond, 69 - Halifax (f) Whitney Pier	Oct. 3/87

WHITNEY PIER SUBWAY taken from "The Town Side". Walkways ran on both sides, but the one on the right had steps, making bicycle passag rather difficult. Another hazard was the Tram Tracks that lay exposed for many a year. Many's the cyclist got caught in the rail rut. Flooded Subway after heavy downpours, re-routed traffic through the Coke Ovens Dept. (Photo - Beaton Institute)

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OCTOBER 22,1938 - COAL PIERS SET ALL TIME RECORD:
24,400 tons of coal was loaded into four Steamer Boats at International Piers in a 24 hour period. Steamers loading within that period were the "SIRE", the "NEWTON MOORE", the "LORWICK" and the "WANSTEAD", for St. Lawrence ports.

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COAL PIER WEATHER LORE:
"It's a nice day"said Murdock MacKay, "But it's gonna snow"said Bill Kehoe, "How do you know" said Jerry Snow, "Tell by the sun" said old Joe Young.

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PIER FAMILIES: Tom & Mary(MacDonald) FARRELL lived at 166 Webster St., (concrete house). Their family was 8 girls and 4 boys.

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In the SUMMER of '42, WHO were the young people that were swimming at the bottom of Dominion St. when a Captain Robinson from the "PHILLIP T. DODGE" lost about $5,000.00 in bills along the shore? The kids gathered it all up and returned it intact.

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AT MARKETS: G.D. Phillips had a shop r Eddy Joseph's barber shop on Vict. Rd. eter Olsen had a shop behind the uilding on the corner of Vict. Rd. & enry (West side). Simon David was down y the brook on Henry St., next door to illy Campbells Stables.

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OCTOBER 26,1938 - Double Treat at CASINO THEATRE. On the screen, "CARNIVAL QUEEN" with Robert Wilcc and Dorothea Kent. An added stage show, WAKE HARRIS and his orchestra; nine performers featuring John Armstrong; Ethel Reid; Delores Pyle; Tony Williams and Claire Grannum. Doors open at 6;30 and Stage Show at 8:30.

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ANNIE (Anderson) POIRIER Remember My step brother Bill Spears delivered for Dave Cohen, who hac a big store where Newmans are toc Later he worked for the Little Re Store owned by Sam Gaum. Art Murp drove a team for Cosmopolitan Stc operated by Jake Levitan. Steve Blundon delivered for Abe Weston' he drove a truck, always had a bi smile. Len Wludyka delivered for Newmans. In the 20's a Jewish mar delivered ice cream by horse tear from house to house, his name sounded like Sircan. I suppose i was spelled a lot different. Anyone remember the old Cowboy movie stars - Wm.S. Hart; Tom Mi Buck Jones; Hoot Gibson; Fred Thompson (who had a smart horse named Silver King), also Rudolph Valentino.

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ANSWERS - 1 - C; 2 - E; 3 - F; 4 - G; 5 - B; 6 - H; 7 - I; 8 - D; 9 - J; 10 - A.

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MAY 24th RACES 19 ?
The Gentleman in the bowler hat is Starter FRANK FITZGERALD - CARLINS STORE on the left, and the MacDougall Home. (Photo - Lena (Chandler) Capasting).

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THE CANADIAN BOXING HALL OF FAME recently inducted eight local Boxers. From Whitney Pier - Mitch Krszwada; Gordon "Gramps" Kiley; Gordie MacDougall; Benny DeLorenzo; "Rocky" Francis MacDougall. Other's were Tyrone Gardiner; Ronnie Sampson; Mutt Kavluck.

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OCTOBER 17, 1938 - Price of gas in Nova Scotia is 27½ ¢ a gal.

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PIER TALK
Casino and Star Theaters had weekly Serials in fifteen chapter durations. 10¢ admission. A few serials were "Hawks of the Wilderness" , "Zorro", "Dead Wood Dick", "The Skull", "Lone Ranger". We lined up along Victoria Rd. to Toby's, now George Khattars storage & office. Bought candy at Mansons Drug Store, where Thistle Tavern is now. Find blue coupon in bag, free pass to the show.

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NICKNAMES

1. "Bugs"MacDonald	A. Stephen
2. "Shine" Corbett	B. William
3. "Duker""Bricky"Campbell	C.Joseph
4. "Do Do" Green	D. Evangeline
5. "Stiff" Gallivan	E. Francis
6. "Dicker" MacDonald	F. Joseph
7. "Puggie"(Desmond)Farmer	G. Marie
8. "Wassie"(Williams)Campbell	H.John
9. "Buddy" Hawco	I. Muriel
10."Sonny" Boone	J. Timothy

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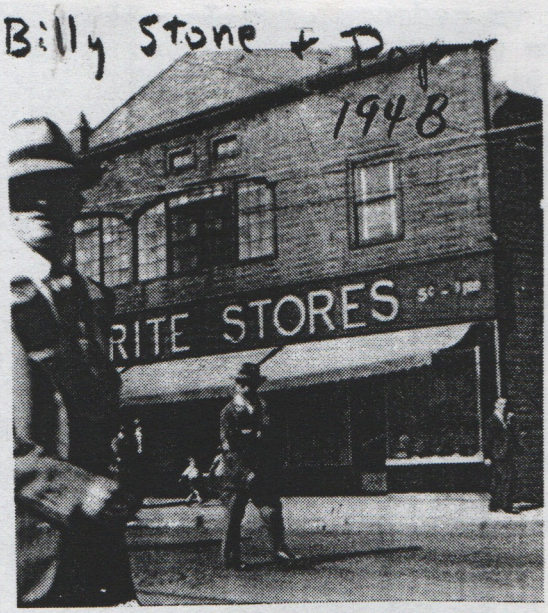

BILLY STONE & POP LEGGE take part in a Fishermen's Society Parade - That's Joe Fitzgerald's 5 & 10¢ Store they are passing.
(Photo - Jim Legge)

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - As early as 300 B.C. the Romans established a "Fire Department" composed primarily of slaves, they patrolled the streets to prevent fires.

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DEMOLISHED - 796 Victoria Rd. Chisholm's Hardware occupied the building next to Joe Fitzgerald's 5 & 10¢ Store (now Rogers Washer). It fell to the demolishers a few week ago to make room for a new Drug Store and parking lot.

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1938 - Promptness of 26 year old Steelworker Marian Ardelli was responsible for saving the life of a toddling youngster (age 1½) who fell into a brook on Webster St. near its home. Mr. Ardelli was attracted by several youngsters who were crying and pointing to the nearby brook, where the legs of a child protruded above the surface of the water. He retrieved the youngster and after first-aid was applied, the little victim gradually recovered from the effects of the terrifying experience. The child is a son of a McLennan family which reside in the near vicinity. Mr. Ardelli resides at 204 Lingan Rd. and is employed at the Blast Furnance Dept.

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